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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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SECOND conference of the International Union of Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Societies convenes in Glasgow, Scotland, June 24, 25. Several delegates from America will be present and Mrs. John Gillespie of the New York Board will conduct a Question Box exercise.

UNION meeting in Saratoga, May 27, to be reported next month.

TREASURER'S Report to General Assembly shows the receipts to have been derived as follows:

From Churches	$272,009.18
" Woman's Boards	302,626.68
" Sabbath-schools	30,221.77
" Young People's Societies	26,694.54
" Legacies	146,827.83
" Interest, Individuals and Miscellaneous Sources	101,369.28
Total	$879,749.28

There is still left over from the Deficit of last year, $76,770.46, which will be wholly wiped out when the whole of that "Million Dollar Fund" is secured. Were it not for the old Deficit, the Board would now stand $30,000 ahead, but that is because it has so resolutely kept *standing* all the year, hearing no command from the Church to *advance*.

IN 1893 the Woman's Boards contributed over $329,000 for Foreign Missions; in 1894, $324,000; in 1895, $309,000; and, now, $302,000. But there seem to be as many fine feathers as ever, as many Christian women traveling, as ample home comforts. No more boasting from us, until we make a new record "concerning the collection."

THE Spanish steamer was expected to bring in Miss Hunter from Colombia, but it was a painful surprise to find her prostrated with typhoid fever which had declared itself when only two days out. She was carried from the dock to the hospital, by ambulance. Very thankful were all at the Mission Rooms that Miss Florence Smith, having started with the invalid to see her as far as the first port, stayed by her all the voyage. There was no doctor on shipboard. Three days after their arrival, Miss Smith took the return steamer for Barranquilla. So outside of all calculations are the duties which frequently confront the young missionary. "Prepared for anything" is a good motto.

TYPHOID fever has done more damage among missionaries of our Board, the last year, than in a long time previous. Besides two men of Shantung Mission and one in North India, mentioned not long ago, the Rev. E. W. McDowell, of Mosul, Turkey, has been at death's door with the dread disease. In April there was a favorable turn and Dr. Hansen hoped for his recovery, which has doubtless been realized by this time. Miss Gardner of Tokyo, Japan, is down with the same fever.

THE death of Mrs. Maria T. True, after a long and painful illness, occurred at Tokyo, April 19. Since 1876, when she first went out and founded the Bancho school, Mrs. True has spent herself in unqualified devotion to Japan. For several years past she was occupied with benevolent work outside the mission. Dr. McCartee writes that in his long life he never saw the funeral of a private person so numerously attended.

A TERRIBLE accident befell Rev. J. B. Porter, of Kyoto, April 14. He was thrown from his bicycle down four hundred feet, near a little mountain village, while on his way home from Presbytery. A Japanese mail carrier gave the alarm. By the third day he was taken on a stretcher to Tsuruga, and later, by train to his home. Miraculous, as it appears, an early recovery is expected.

THE assassination of the Shah of Persia, in itself a despicable act, removes a ruler who had visited our mission schools and hospitals and, on many occasions, showed favors to the missionaries and enlightened appreciation of their services. The friends of Persia may well pray God to bestow a heart not less wise and a spirit as mild, upon his imperial successor.

And now those dark shapes that always follow in the train of massacre and hunger, hover over the cities of Asia Minor. Clara Barton says there are "four distinct epidemics: typhoid and typhus fever, dysentery and smallpox."

Dr. Harris of Tripoli, Syria, in response to Miss Barton's call, made up a quota of native doctors and conducted them up to Marash and Zeitoun. Though there are numbers of physicians of the Greek faith in Syria, not one of them would go into the fever-stricken district unless with the promise of exorbitant wages, so that every one of Dr. Harris' staff was a Protestant—and that is one straw.

Ebolowo'e (a-*bol*-o-*woh*) is ten days from medical assistance; Kerr, Fraser and McCleary are the men there. Mr. Hickman is at Benito, Dr. Nassau at Baraka, and Mr. Ford is soon due on furlough.

Such style and extravagance at Ebolowo'e. Really, the gentlemen of the Board, as they sit in their mahogany chairs at the Mission Rooms, will have to discountenance it. Mr. Kerr paid four dollars for a palaver house, moved it, fixed it up himself and in one week our three brethren were in it and writing: "Don't be uneasy about us as we have a comfortable, dry house, good beds and food and will try to be as careful as possible." That is all very well, but—*four dollars* contributed by such self-denying people as we are!

"A touch that makes the whole world kin;" Mr. Kerr took mumps from a Bule.

Efulen Hill struck the new missionaries as "quite a place, a great center for the people," as its name means: "gathering place." One of the gentlemen wrote: "I wish you could have seen the meeting between Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Johnston. None of us can fully realize how much it means to be the only woman at an interior station for a whole year."

For miles around Efulen (A-*full*-en) the people have ceased to believe in witches, and three witch doctors have given up their calling gracefully and gone to work building bark houses. It was only in the summer of 1892 that Dr. Good, making his preliminary exploration, struck the first blow at witchcraft in Efulen.

Copper cash, Mrs. Mateer writes, is "the only Chinese money with which everything is paid for, from a stick of candy to a farm." The mischief is that this cash will not bring as much, since war times, as before, and it is hard to keep Tungchow College out of debt. Table costs five cents a day, per student.

Shall Tungchow College be allowed to want? It began in an entirely heathen community, with six little heathen boys who did not know a letter, and it grew into a high school, then into a college, and after thirty-two years has graduated seventy-eight young men, all of them Christians. Last year there were eighty-nine students enrolled; seventy-four were already Christians and fifteen joined the church during the year.—74 + 15 = 89. Shall Tungchow College be hampered for the want of a little money?

A man from Remedios, four or five days' journey from Medellin, Colombia, came to Mr. Miles and bought a Bible, Bible handbook and other books. As the result of Mr. Touzeau's visits in his town, seven or eight men meet on Sundays and try to hold a Christian service.

Curious patients they have. A Punjabi woman told Dr. Maud Allen she would try her medicine and, if it had no effect she would come back and beat her black and blue.

The Vali of Mosul sent for Dr. Hansen's medical services—and now, oh, procrastinating Vali, where is the permit for our mission houses?

Last year, Miss Wheeler reported persecution suffered by two Mexican sisters, one of whom was her pupil in Saltillo. The r own father, instigated by the priest, burned their Bibles, shut them in a dark room, half starved them and cut off communication with their friends. These girls, only sixteen and eighteen years of age, bore this bitter treatment for seven months. Then the father attempted to force his elder daughter into marriage with a Roman Catholic. She refused, announcing her intention, if driven to it, to leave the house and marry the young Protestant to whom she was engaged. The happy sequel has only now been told. The girl won, her parents consenting to a civil ceremony in their home. The missionary in his recent rounds has seen the bride, tidy and happy, in her home of two rooms.

We recommend readers to send to 450 Pennsylvania ave., Washington, D. C., for the February issue of *Liberia*, published by the Colonization Society, for the sake of its folded, colored map, showing the political divisions of Africa.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA,

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Direct letters for Batanga and Buleland, "Batanga, Kameruns." All others, "Gaboon, Congo Française, *via* Paris."

Mrs. T. Spencer Ogden, Baraka.
Mrs. Arthur Marling, Angom.
Miss Hulda Christensen, Benito.
Mrs. C. De Heer. "
Mrs. Louise Reutlinger, Benito.
Miss Louise Babe, Batanga.
Mrs. W. C. Gault, "
Miss Isabella A. Nassau, "
Mrs. Oscar Roberts, Batanga.
Mrs. Herman Schnatz, "
Mrs Silas F. Johnson, Efulen.
Mrs. W. C. Johnston, "

In this country: Mrs. W. S. Bannerman, Chatsworth, Ontario, Can.

BULE PEOPLE AROUND THE NEW STATION.

FIRST MAIL FROM EBOLOWO'E.

FROM the reports we heard, I had expected to find a wild lot of people at Ebolowo'e, but I must say I was happily surprised. They are indeed wild *looking*. They go almost naked. They paint the whole body with red powder, and fill their hair with buttons, beads, shells and feathers. The men all carry weapons, either guns, knives or spears. It makes one a little timid to see fifty or a hundred of these fierce looking men running around prying into every thing one has. No doubt, too, their hearts are desperately wicked. They are continually at war among themselves. Often we hear of some one being shot. Their fathers have done these things and they know no better. They know not God and have no fear of Him.

But in their actions towards us this has all been hidden, except their greed for goods. From the first they have tried to please us. They almost worship us and we have had no trouble at all. Buying food is hard on the patience, but it is wonderful how quickly they fall into line. They bring more food than we are able to buy. We have to tell them that we will buy only every fourth or fifth day. This for the women.

But the men are equally eager for work. They bring more building material than we want at present. The great object of these people has been hitherto to get beads, buttons and bells, but already forty cloths have been sold. This speaks well for the first two weeks. Great changes have taken place since Mr. Kerr was up here last July. They were more wild then. He wrote of a society* of young men organized for plunder and robbing. They wear bells and shells and hats of feathers fully three feet high, and daub their naked bodies with white mud. Two of them came around the second day we were here thinking to scare us. If met with in the forest I should feel like running, but Mr. Kerr led the way out towards them and began to make fun of them. *They* were the ones who soon got frightened. They went behind the house and took off their scarecrow arrangements. Since then some of these very boys have worked and earned cloths.

Mvondo is the great chief of Ebolowo'e. Last July, Mr. Kerr took one of his sons back to Efulen to school. They all said the boy would be killed, but when we came bringing him back after six months, they said, "We see now with our own eyes that the white man does not lie; we will believe him." This boy is a great help, for he tells his people what he saw at Efulen and about the ways of the white man. Mvondo is Mr. Kerr's "big friend." Ntoze, a lesser chief near by, is my big friend. They have brought us a sheep, some fowls and other food. They are great beggars, but we keep standing them off, giving only enough to keep them in a good humor. (Pardon me, I keep saying *we*. Mr. Kerr does it all. I do not know the language.)

But let me tell you what makes Mvondo such a mighty man. He has had eighty wives. The man with the most wives is the greatest man, for they do the work. They are no better than slaves; they are bought and sold like cattle, and are beaten if they do not please their owners.

These people are very superstitious. There is a high hill just west of us, which they will not ascend because spirits are up there. They wear a tiger tooth tied around the neck to protect them from being shot; or they fill the horn of a goat or deer with medicine, for the same purpose. They think the rainbow is a huge snake and shoot at it to drive it away. They make medicine for their guns, so as to shoot better. The young men of the society spoken of think white mud protects them. These are only a few of many superstitions.

These people build better houses than those around Efulen. They are all low and have one little hole in the side for doors and windows, but they are well put up. Mvondo's old palaver house is 30 x 60 feet, the largest in the country.

These people have a better physique than

* See interesting letter in *Church at Home and Abroad*, Feb.

those nearer the coast. They are powerfully built, and very straight and square. They have not a very thick lip. Some have sharp features, and a few are really pleasant looking. One can learn to like them, I know.

For occupation, the women make gardens and prepare food for the men. The men talk, eat, sleep, and fight. They raise a good deal of corn, and great quantities of plantains, bananas, cassava, yams, and peanuts. They have sheep (with hair on), goats, dogs and fowls. The great aim in life is to get goods and buy wives. This is what causes so much trouble. A woman is stolen—then there is a war. Every day nearly, they have some woman palaver. Nearly every girl is sold before she is five years old.

MR. M. HENRY KERR AND HIS THREE CARRIERS TO OBOLOWO'E, JULY 1895.
Eight Bule men and five boys went as carriers, January 1896.
The two small boys were permitted to be photographed with the others as a reward for standing at the head of their class.

They are a hard lot, but they have some redeeming features. That they can be taught to do better has been proved at Efulen. They have souls, and hearts, too. They respect the missionary, and by patient effort the day will come, we trust, when fightings and wars will be at an end and the peace of Jesus Christ shall reign throughout this fair land. For it is a fair land—a perpetual June. The air is pure and bracing.

Remember us in your prayers that we may hold up the banner of the cross with unwavering hands, in this dark land.

Charles W. McCleary.

Ebolowo'e, Kameruns, Feb. 17, 1896.

POINTS ABOUT CARRIERS.

[Mr. Kerr was anxious to go to Ebolowo'e and correct the reports, which were circulating there, to the effect that the missionaries charged the people with having bewitched Dr. Good on his last visit among them, and would come and revenge his death. On this errand, Mr. Kerr went, in July last.—EDITOR.]

THE Bule at Efulen were rather afraid to go [as carriers]. However, some of our workmen promised me they would, but the morning I was ready to start, head men came to Efulen and forbade any Bule going with me. I did not force my boys, but I told them that it was go with me or go to their town, as a coward was not wanted at Efulen. Two of my men said they would stand with me and go. You do not know how glad I was to have them stand firmly and not be tied by mean, low cowards as most of the old head-men are.

Mr. Ford took our picture. The man at the left has his head-band over his forehead. The one close at my left is the first Bule to go to the coast with a white man. He is the man whom Mr. Good used in translating the Gospels; the one who helped Mr. Milligan and me in learning the Bule tongue.

M. Henry Kerr.

Fifty pounds weight is a carrier's load, and the cost for each man from the coast to Efulen is $2.50 one way.

MAP FACTS ABOUT AFRICA.

One-seventh of the human race lives there.

Five hundred languages and dialects have never been reduced to writing.

In the partition of Africa, France took 3,000,000 square miles. England comes second, with the greatest population: 40,000,000.

The output of gold in 1894 was $40,271,000.

It is 5,000 miles from the mouth of the Nile to Capetown.

6,000 miles of railway are open.

North Africa is firmly Mohammedan.

The bulk of the continent is plateau, 500 to 2,000 feet high.

Kameruns peak is 13,700 feet high; Kilimanjaro, 20,000

Lake Victoria Nyanza covers 30,000 square miles.

Population is densest in the lower Niger region.

The common beast of burden is man.

The technic capacity of interior tribes is superior to that of N. American Indians.

Batanga field has a coast line of 80 miles north from the Campo River, which is the southern boundary of German territory.

Twenty-five dialects are spoken within the limits of Gaboon Mission. The Bible is nearly entire in two.

The slave trade is systematically pursued by Arabs, and many tribes enslave one another.

Bartholomew. Edinr.

INTIMATIONS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE IN GABOON MISSION.

THE Benito church has colonized by sending forth sixty-eight members to found a second church. One Boheba, the first of his tribe, has joined the inquiry class.

Christians at Angom often take part "in a profitable manner" at evening meetings, and those who can read take their turn with verses at morning and evening prayers.

Last September a Fang man publicly buried his *bicti*, the greatest of their fetiches. Two others followed his example. Hitherto Christians, while renouncing the *bicti*, did not destroy them but left them with heathen brothers.

Batanga Christians have made efforts in evangelistic lines. Some of them who are traders have used their position among distant villages to tell the people something of the Word of God and teach them to read. Eighty-five were added to the three churches in Batanga field last year.

The report of the native pastor on Corisco Island is marked by directness: "The state of religion in the Corisco field (with the exception of the men) is good, in my judgment. We have no noise, but the gospel is gaining ground. I do not have much hope of our people till they shake off sloth. It is not poverty but those bad traits of character, that our churches are not self-supporting. The congregation built two meeting houses this year. The one among the Mbiko cost $40, not including unreckoned work. The public mind is in favor of Christianity. It is no longer looked upon as white man's affair"

Average attendance at Sunday service at Efulen, all the year, was one hundred; inquiry class of men and boys for several months numbered thirty-four. A Sunday-school, started by Dr. Johnson with eleven boys, expanded to forty boys and ten girls, "bright, eager and apt scholars." It is from the young people that the first real stand has been made for Christ in the Bule country.

EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL, AT BATANGA.

THE boarding school for boys has not been properly appreciated, the past few months. Mr. Schnatz has endeavored to raise the standard of the school and make it self-supporting, to a degree. His advanced views have not been accepted quite as we had hoped, but I do believe the right will win.

The day school for girls, which has been under my care more than two years, was affected by the spirit of opposition to the Benga dialect, and last November about three-fourths of the pupils absented themselves. There was vacation during December. No complaint had been brought to my ears about my school from any of the parents, only the whole district were disposed to make trouble about using the Benga. I think it was all a device of Satan to retard truth and religion. But before I was ready to think that vacation was past, the poor girls were themselves asking 'when will school reopen?'

The care and privilege of instructing the seven men who are candidates for the ministry was placed by Mission and Presbytery in my hands, and fills up my entire mornings. Still I concluded to attempt the school, one of the men of the theological class assisting me; and since January 9, when I reopened, the attendance of the girls has been more punctual and their devotion to study more enthusiastic, than at any previous time. All our text books are in Benga, and the pupils understand what they study.

Miss Babe has commenced a day school for boys. Both she and I use the bamboo church. Besides teaching in Benga she gives one hour to primary German. The number ranges from forty to fifty. We teach sewing Saturday afternoon. The studies of the theological class are also carried on in Benga.

Isabella A. Nassau.

[The little three-roomed hospital is in charge of Mrs. Roberts, assisted by four bright African boys to whom Dr. Laffin gave considerable training.—EDITOR.]

The number of patients increased until we treated forty-five a day, and sometimes as many as twenty-five were sleeping in a space fit for fifteen.

From April to September, Mrs. Gault held meetings in the hospital every day. At least a few people have expressed a determination to accept Christ as their Saviour. Many of them often express their gratitude to God for sending help to their suffering bodies. Patients came from four days by canoe up the coast and fifty miles down, and twenty miles up the Lobe River. During ten months we had six hundred out-patients and eighty in-patients.

Florence Roberts.

CHARACTERISTIC AFRICAN RIVER VIEW. THE OGOWE, AT KANGWE.

ABOUT ANGOM, ON THE UPPER GABOON RIVER.

OPENED AS A MISSION STATION BY REV. A. W. MARLING IN 1881.

ANGOM is about seventy miles from where the Gaboon River empties into the Atlantic. Travel is generally by a small four-oared surf boat, fitted with a sail and jib, the missionary usually acting the part of captain and steersman. When there is no wind, the crew of four take the oars. With a good breeze from Gaboon and a smart crew, the journey can be made to Angom in twenty-four hours, but three days have frequently been spent ere the goal was reached. As, twenty miles from the sea, the Gaboon is eight or ten miles wide, journeys have not always been enjoyable or safe. Farther up, where the river is not so wide, missionaries and traders have been seriously troubled by natives disposed to plunder. Heavy tropical rains are both a source of great discomfort and cause fever to the traveler, in an open boat, while the goods which form the cargo suffer according as they are affected by water.

When "the river is quiet," which signifies that the natives are not in fighting or plundering mood; when nature is in a good temper and sea breeze and tide are favorable; the journey is accomplished with pleasure. The boat speeds along under the loveliest of blue skies, between banks studded with palm trees festooned with climbers, often in blossom and giving forth sweetness; sighting the little brown huts peeping out from among waving banana and plantain leaves, and canoes lying on the muddy beach or out upon the river, does not fill the traveler with apprehension; but cheerful salutations will be exchanged as the natives scamper down to the water to see the boat pass. But if "the river is not quiet," an attempt will be made to pass under cover of darkness, to keep the boatmen quiet, the rowlocks from rattling or the oars from creaking, while we steer well to the far side of the river from the town. If a friendly town is reached, the best house will be put at the disposal of the guest, while a boatman acts as cook and, over a fire on the ground, prepares as good a meal as the contents of your box and his skill can furnish. How enjoyable will be the hard native settee upon which to stretch the limbs, cramped so many hours by the narrow confines of the boat; and, in spite of the chattering in the street and adjoining huts, a little sleep will be secured. If the tide turns in your favor in the

night, the sleepy boatmen will dip the oars very gently, and from your chilly seat in the stern your weary brain tries to suggest something encouraging to speed. But if the interval of five hours of resting has been in the daytime or evening, the people will be invited to the most commodious hut, or the palaver-house, and a meeting be held. The majority are attentive, a few will answer questions, but when told to close their eyes while we speak to God, some scamper or sneak away apprehensive of what may occur while their eyes are closed.

"BROWN HUTS PEEPING OUT."
From a photograph.

If the missionary is enthusiastic and inexperienced, he will enjoy the meeting, not realizing how great a proportion of the good seed must fall by the wayside, or how, for lack of future care, much that falls upon good ground will perish. He does not see the curiosity, admiration, covetousness, envy, like a flock of birds hovering about, and wondering what great riches are hidden in those boxes, what wonderful medicine his grandmother gave him at his birth to enable him to have plenty of food, what can be the virtue in the little clock to protect its possessor from harm or to what extent it can inflict punishment upon his enemies; covetousness, which would like to get possession of that umbrella unobserved, or that brass rowlock which would make such a lovely pair of leg rings for a favorite wife, which paints a vision of the jib-sail already turned into a beautiful white shirt, or the boat-boards transformed into a door for the hut. If the preacher has outlived the lovely trustfulness of youth, a sadness will almost overwhelm him as he turns his back upon the gazing crowd, realizing how little of his good message has been comprehended; how spiritually poor, miserable, blind, naked the people are, and yet know it not; and a cry will go up for more laborers to foster and nourish the little seed. This perishing of the seed, which he has ample reason to believe had fallen into good ground, is one of the sorest trials of his life, and he knows the impossibility of his caring for it alone.

At the native town of Fulabifum the river is three hundred and seventy yards wide. Angom, the station, is at the rear of the village, on the highest part of the hill, and from the verandah of the mission house are obtained two pretty views of the river above and below the village, as it flows grandly by, always full and always flowing, like the peace of God. The sometimes lonely missionary wife has often been comforted when sorely tried by unreasonableness of the people and long delay of the harvest, by a good look at this beautiful river. Up the river are seen hills covered with forests of perpetual green, and distant dark blue mountains of the Sierra del Crystal range. Among these mountains, the Gaboon River has its source in two branches; the limit of navigation, by canoe, is reached in one day from Angom. In 1882 Revs. A. C. Good and A. W. Marling visited one of these sources, and in 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Marling visited the same place. The beautiful hills and river banks are sadly defiled by vile practices, the shedding of human blood and the habitations of cruelty.

A church was organized four years ago at Angom. Last April (1895) eight members were received, making the total membership about twenty. At the close of the year there was an inquiry class of twenty, receiving regular instruction preparatory to baptism. About ten persons have died professing trust in Jesus, some of whom were members of the church, and some died before there was an organization. Polygamy is a great hindrance. One man who will not yield on this point often ill treats one of his wives, who is a Christian, charging her falsely with grievous offences. His other grown-up wife, though also a Christian, he is pleased with. The one was brought to Christ

through the other's influence. They are like two sisters together, and very practical in their Christianity, showing kindness to the poor and sick.

For several years women were very hard to reach, seeming altogether absorbed in the labors of their hard lot, and appearing to have no power of concentration of mind. I think the change which has taken place in this respect was greatly promoted at the time when Mrs. Ogden had charge of the station alone. Probably a natural womanly sympathy for her in her loneliness helped to induce them to pay attention. One woman in her exhortation the other evening said: "I wish you would all become Christians. I do not like to think of your being shut out from our Father's house above. I know now why Mrs. Ogden used always to weep when she addressed us, saying, "I want to see all of you Fula people in Heaven." I did not understand then, for I was careless and did not take these things to heart."

A short time ago another woman said: "These things are very serious, and great is our responsibility. According to our Fang custom, if Mr. Marling had died while coming to us for our good we should have been obliged to pay for his life. But how could we do that? We could never pay for a white man's life Yet the Son of God came and died for us; and what excuse shall we give if we neglect to receive Him? If our town people had plundered a boat, and the governor were sending up a gunboat to burn our town, we would quickly take our belongings to the bush and hide ourselves. But where shall we go and hide when God calls us to answer for neglecting these important things? Let us be wise now and hide in Jesus, for He is our only safety." Many touching testimonies and exhortations are given nearly every week, showing that they are taught of the Spirit.

Janet B. C. Marling.

SOME DEFINITE NEEDS OF THE MABEYA PEOPLE.

THE Mabeya about Batanga are in a district fifteen miles along the coast, twenty miles up the Lobe River and twelve or fifteen miles in the bush, with a population, probably, of five thousand. There are eight different communities, with from two to ten or twelve towns, and from three to twelve hundred people in each. In the past year, open sheds in which to hold meetings have been built in four of the towns centrally located, and the same thing is being done in three others. This gives one place as the subject of prayer for every day of the week and two for Sunday, counting the one where the work is not yet begun. These places are: 1, Lendi, 2 Ghambia, 3 Bĕka, 4 Dungongomi, 5 Mabananga, 6 Makala, 7 Mbwoidi, 8 Magua. The meeting houses are* at 2, 3, 4, 7. May the Lord lay upon your hearts the burden of these Mabeya souls through the ministry of prayer.

Pray for the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. It is easy to speak of Christ when the teaching is backed up by the fire of the Holy Ghost. Pray that as they first give themselves, they may then honor God with their substance, and that they may become self-supporting. God does not trust true riches to the care of people who cannot be trusted to honor Him with money and all temporal affairs. Pray that they may realize that God does not look upon the amount but the spirit that prompts the gift.

Pray that we may have the leading of the Spirit in the educational work, that the boys may be taught to do honest work as well as to read. The command is to "teach" as well as to "make disciples," and the teaching in Africa, as probably in no other mission country, includes industrial training and agriculture. In most other heathen countries man must be industrious to keep from freezing or starving. The equator is colder than it gets credit for, but it is not cold enough to freeze. Food is so easily obtained, comparatively speaking, that a man can exist and not work much of the time. Christianity comes to that kind of a man and tells him to be industrious. It is mocking him to tell him to be industrious and never show him how, as much as it is to tell him to read and never show him how. A living Christianity has its outward manifestations: in good houses, roads, and other results of diligence and business. Just as in the spiritual world, the Holy Spirit puts a desire for a holy life at the same time offering the power for the fulfillment of that desire; so we must help these helpless Africans to help themselves by industrious lives. It is easy to see the danger, in such teaching, of losing sight of the spiritual end in view; but instead of being a harm it can be a positive gain, for the boys

* In January, 1896.

can in that way be taught systematic giving, to be faithful stewards of the results of their own labor. A school-boy who wholly, or in part, raises his own food has greater respect for himself as well as other people for him. Pray that we may keep things in the right proportion in teaching here.

Besides this district of Mabeyas, the same people are scattered along the coast, or rather a few miles back in the bush, for a distance of two hundred miles or more. They are so scattered that it is almost out of the question for a white man to do the evangelistic work which is needed among them. Pray especially that the Lord may call evangelists from this district back of Batanga to do this.

Sometimes people give their money for missions and think they have done all their duty. A saloon keeper might give his blood money for others, to ease his conscience; but such a gift would not be acceptable to God. Others take it out in praying, and never give until they feel it. But they must go together —the ministry of prayer and of giving. They are like a span of mules one of the neighbors had; one would not work without the other.

I have tried to be definite in speaking of these Mabeya needs, with the prayer that it may help some to pray definitely, and, knowing the joy of the ministry of prayer and of giving, they will know the joy of a missionary.

Oscar Roberts.

THE BANE OF THE WEST COAST, AFRICA.

THE London *Times* printed some letters, last year, from Bishop Tugwell of West Equatorial Africa and Governor Carter of Lagos, upon the subject of importation of liquors on the West Coast.

Colonial governors have made duties on alcoholic drinks very low in order to secure a large consumption of them, and Sir Gilbert Carter says that he would be "sorry to see the traffic abolished," arguing that the revenue is necessary to carry on government machinery. In short, good roads, and other blessings of English colonial government have to be built up on gin bottles! This is only the African version of the old argument for an opium traffic in India. His further claim that prohibitory liquor laws interfere with human freedom might have been expected. But it is a shock to read what Governor Carter proposes as a remedy for drunkenness. He says: "The best remedy for the gin disease lies in the encouragement of the Mohammedan religion. The Mohammedan is naturally sober; it is a part of his religion."

Bishop Tugwell says that "the evils connected with traffic in spirits cannot be exaggerated." He cites facts from his own experience and that of his clergy in the Yoruba country. At Abeokuta, the missionary ladies could not visit native homes on account of prevailing drunkenness. He asked a chief, pointing to the dilapidated houses and fences of his village, "What makes the hearts of your people so hard and their houses so shabby?" Pulling aside some bushes, the chief told him to look beneath. There lay hundreds, if not thousands, of empty gin bottles. What most impressed a rubber merchant in visiting Ibadan [a Lagos town of 150,000 people], was the absence of European goods in their markets. Ibadan brings palm oil, kernels, sheep, goats, fowls, yams, rubber, to market, but calls for no manufactures and receives rum in appalling quantities.

Why do those governors not see that a sound financial standing can be made out of British manufactures as well as out of gin? Make a decent, Christian man of the African, and you create a desire for clothing and tools. As for the Mohammedan argument, it is an insult to Christianity.

But it is interesting to know that the Africans themselves are having something to say on this subject. Last August, at a mass meeting held in Ibadan, the speeches being delivered in the Yoruba language, Christians, Mohammedans and Pagans united in condemning the drink traffic and pledging themselves to resist it. One speaker, who well understood those whom he addressed, said: "In talking to you, countrymen, to give up the liquor traffic, you will not like to hear because it is as one announcing to you the sad news of the death of your dear father or mother." An anti-liquor memorial was drawn up, a document 250 feet long and containing 3,800 names. Through Bishop Tugwell's efforts, the duties on liquors have lately been doubled throughout the Niger Protectorate.

Two Gospels have lately been translated into Haussa, the representative tongue of Central Soudan and spoken by fifteen millions of Mohammedans.

THIRTY new hymns have been translated into the Fang language, at Angom.

"JESSICA'S First Prayer" was put into Benga by Miss Christensen.

AN AJUMBA VILLAGE, ONE DAY UP THE OGOWE.
From photograph by the late Rev. Herman Jacot.

THE accompanying view of an Ajumba village gives one an idea of what a native town is like. The street itself is kept perfectly free of grass and weeds and, being continually beaten by heavy rains and baked by a burning sun, in time becomes perfectly hard; hard as the hearts of some of those heathen who have resisted again and again the calls of their Saviour. One of these you see on your left, in the picture, dandling his youngest offspring. Polygamy, rum and slaves are keeping him from accepting the Gospel. He is very friendly to us whenever we visit his town, but always puts aside any decision when pressed to join the ranks of Christians. This is often the case with the old men, who seem bound by this triple chain to their old customs. The women are more free and, the older ones, more willing to give up heathenism which has done nothing for them, and accept Christianity which at least has the promise of a life to come. But usually it is among the youth, unshackled by heathen customs, that the Gospel has found readiest acceptance. They are the strength of our churches, the hope of the future.

Herman Jacot.

PENALTIES VISITED UPON WEST COAST WOMEN.

THE picture represents a Mabeya woman's foot in the block. It was taken near Batanga by an English trader, and shows one of the many instances of barbaric treatment to which women are subject in Africa.

The block is generally made of red wood, which is very heavy; it is from three to five feet long and about one foot in diameter. A rough hole is cut in this, and the foot is forced through it. The poor woman must drag this log wherever she goes, but it is usually so heavy that she is unable to move about much, so is compelled to keep in the one uncomfortable position and hold a baby on her hip at the same time, until released.

I do not know what this particular woman's punishment was for, but likely for running away from her husband.

One Sunday we saw a woman whose hands and feet had been tied by bending the ends of an iron bar over her wrists and ankles. She was accused of witchcraft. Mr. Godduhn secured her release and sent her home.

Another time he heard a woman's crying in one of the villages and, following the sound, found her locked into a hut. He forced open the door and saw her crouching on the ground, weighed down with a heavy chain which had been taken from a stranded vessel. The prisoner was a mere child who had refused to live with an old man, who had bought her years ago and recently made her his wife. She had run away back to her family, but they were unable to return the dowry so the poor girl had to return to him, and that was the reason he had put the heavy chain around her neck and fastened it to the post which sustained the roof of the

building and then secured it with a padlock. There the poor woman had been for several days and nights, without food or water.

IN THE BLOCK.

During the Mabeya war, there was another instance. A woman ran away from her husband on account of ill treatment, but he caught her several days later, working in her mother's garden, and dragged her back to his town, where he put her foot in the block and wounded and bruised her whole body. When Mr. Godduhn remonstrated with the man, trying to show him the cruelty and wrong of his doings, he simply said: "Why, did I not pay for the woman? Is she not mine? Can I not do with her as I please?" Truly, "the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty," and women are the chief sufferers.

Something has already been accomplished within our Mission, to change these things. Many of the Christian men help their wives in field work and do hard things themselves, but customs formed through centuries cannot be broken in a short time. I am glad there are ladies at the different Stations, to show these poor people what a Christian home should be like. May we in America work and pray that the liberty of Christ may free and elevate our down-trodden sisters in Africa.

Emma Engels Godduhn.

A REMINISCENCE OF OLD CALABAR.

[Written for WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.]

THE memories of early days in a heathen land are not pleasant, but they may be profitable. What most distressed and harrowed the feelings of the present writer and his fellow laborers was the utter recklessness of human life exhibited by the inhabitants. When a chief died, sometimes forty or fifty of his slaves were butchered and sent into Hades to attend upon him there. Judging that a man who had thirty or forty wives in this world could not be comfortable in the other world if wifeless—half a dozen, and sometimes more, of the best looking from his harem were sent after to keep him company in his new sphere. Numbers of relatives or dependents were generally denounced by the native conjurers as having caused the death of the great man by witchcraft, and were compelled to take the ordeal of the Poison Bean (*Phajistigma venenosum*), which usually proved fatal to about five out of every six who were subjected to it. When any poor woman gave birth to twins, she was at once banished from the town—no matter at what hour of day or night, or what was the state of the weather—and the infants were cast into "the bush" to be devoured by rats and ants. Infants whose mothers died were generally buried alive in the mothers' graves. If a free man was guilty of what was by Egbo law a capital crime, all that he had to do was to give up one of his most valuable slaves, who was forthwith marched off to the market place and beheaded as his substitute. Then there was the annual sacrifice of an Albino girl (white negress), at the bar of the river, to propitiate the great Juju of the country in order that trade might continue prosperous.

"What are we to do to put a stop to such barbarities?" That was the agonizing question of the day. Perhaps some reader sitting in her quiet room, her Bible open on her table, conning what she is to say at the Conference to which she purposes going in a few minutes, may be ready to ask, "Where was your difficulty? What would be plainer than this? 'Go and teach these savages the Decalogue, emphasizing the Sixth Commandment'?" Very good, madam, but there's a small difficulty in the way. The great body of the people, especially the women, do not understand a word you say to them, and you do not understand a word they say to you. The language has never been committed to paper. Its vocables are only floating on the atmosphere. Their grammatical order has yet to be discovered, and they, with their interpretation, have yet to be captured and preserved in lexicons. But we are not altogether helpless. Several of the kings and chiefs have served a sort of apprenticeship on board English ships in their early days, and some have been so acute and diligent that they can converse on ordinary subjects and even write intelligible notes in English. Several of these gentlemen aided the first missionaries. Rev. H. M. Waddell and Rev. H.

Goldie were able in a short time to furnish copies of the Decalogue and Manuals of Christian Doctrine in the native language. Reforms progress slowly. Murders continued to be committed daily, especially at the Station at which I was located and its wide-spread dependencies. Had there been a truth-telling newspaper in town, its daily items would have been of the following stamp: "Other four slaves of the late —— —— butchered last night." "Five or six of the family of —— —— to take the ordeal in market place to-day." "One of ——'s wives gave birth to twins two days ago—infants killed and mother banished the town." "Great gala day yesterday on the river. King and gentlemen in their canoes—drums beating, flags floating—all off in procession to bar of the river —the usual sacrifice of an Albino girl."

In one case which I remember, the victim, unfortunately for herself, poor lassie, could swim. She struck out at once on being thrown into the water, but the butchers pulled after her, speedily overtook her, and battered her head to pieces!

"What am I to do?" was my distracting question one day when commencing Sabbath service with my native congregation. I lifted my heart on high and a thought flashed on me which I felt as an inspiration, and I endeavored to carry it out. I really forget what the text was, or whether I had a text (It might have been Deut. 32 : 39, or 2 Kings 5: 7.) I was in the habit of catechising my audience at intervals during my sermon :—

"I say, king, how many wives have you in that woman's yard of yours?" A smile and a shrug equivalent to "I can hardly tell."

"Well, never mind; I think you have about forty?" A nod, equal to, "About that number."

"But you can't love all these women same, same. Judging from white men's feelings in such matters, I think you must love one past all the others. It no be so?"

A shrug and a little mumble.

"O never mind—I don't want to know. But I want to speak a little in *nke* (parable). Suppose you like one better than all the rest, and suppose her name to be Afiöng (a common female name). You can suppose—*think*—this to be so for a little bit?"

"O yes—very good—go on."

"Now it comes into your head that you must do something to show that you like and honor Afiöng above all others. And you think this: 'It is of no use to buy any more of those gold and silver ornaments which women like so well. She has plenty of them already.' A bright thought strikes you: I'll get a fine house built for her and have it filled with the finest furniture. You call one of the supercargoes and tell him what you want. He shows you picture of one of the finest little villas in England. That's the very thing. You give him fifty or sixty puncheons of palm oil, and he bargains to bring you out a fine house of timber just like that in the picture"

I must abbreviate what follows.

"Well, king, the house is brought out in due time, and white carpenters are brought to erect it. Your native carpenters would spoil it. It is put up all right. It is not so big as your palace or even as any of the mission houses, but is far prettier; and the furniture, how beautiful! Tables, sofas, chairs, mirrors. Everybody says, 'How fine!' Well, you call a big public meeting and make strong Egbo proclamation so that all the town may hear it, 'I, King Archibong II. of Duke Town, put my wife Afiöng in possession of this house and if any person trouble either Afiöng or the house, big palaver come up.'"

"Now, king, you understand all I say?"

"O yes, every man fit to *saby* that."

"Well, king, everything goes on well for a long time. You go to house any time you like and smoke your cigar and have a chat with Afiong, and the oftener you visit the house the better you like it.

"Time goes on, and one day when you are sitting in your own palace some of your people rush into your yard in breathless haste calling out, 'Bad news, king. Bad news! Bad news!'—'What news live?' 'Some bad fellow go smash down Afiöng's house and drive Afiöng away to the bush!'

"You no be vexed, king, when you hear that bad news?"

"To be sure, I vexed."

"And what you do with the man who do that bad thing if you get hold of him?"

"I kill him one time."

"I believe you would do so, king, and I don't think that I could blame you very much for doing so."

A pause. Snuff boxes circulate a little.

"Now, king and gentlemen, I want to talk a little about something else. Can any gentleman tell me what it is in this world that God loves past all other things? I have told you about that before now; who remembers?" A voice, probably from a Sabbath scholar, "*Ukpongowo.*" "That's it, my boy, *The Soul of Man.* Now who remembers how

God has shown His love for the soul of man, the souls of all men? You have heard this often, but I see you must hear it again.

"I think you have five or six sons, king?" A nod of assent. "You were not very well pleased, king, when I asked if you would sell any one of your sons to white men, suppose it were possible that white men wanted a little boy to offer in sacrifice to their God. Would you sell him for £100?" "No!" £200? £300, up to £1000? The reply was still an indignant "No!" "Well, king, I knew that would be the answer, but I am glad to hear you utter it. I know that you would not willingly give one of your little ones to die, for all the gold and silver in the world. Behold, then, once more, and do not again forget, the evidence that God loves the soul of man better than anything else on earth. God has only one proper Son —'Only begotten.' The soul of man was on the very brink of ruin; God saw that nothing in the universe would save the soul from perdition but the death of His own Son, and O, wonderful! 'God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all.' Does not that show you that God loves the soul of man above everything else on earth?" "True! true! true!"

"Now, king and friends, bear with me a few words more. I soon be done now.

"God knew that every soul which He makes and brings into the world must have a house to live in, and he makes a house for every soul." I tried hard to describe the human body under the figure of a house with its five gateways, etc.

"The conclusion of the matter is this: The body of every child of woman born is just the beautiful and commodious house which God has prepared for its tenant, the immortal soul. And God has made the same proclamation about that house and its tenant, as we supposed the king to have made about Afiöng and the house into which he put her. God keeps the power of ejecting His tenant in His own hand. We were all ready to say that the king did well to be angry and to punish the villains who broke down the beautiful house, which he gave to his beloved, and drove her away to the bush. And I now ask you solemnly in the presence and in the hearing of God, Do you not think that He must be angry—very angry—when any one, without his express permission, breaks down the beautiful house which He has made for the soul which He loves so well, and drives that soul away from the world?"

Responses of "True! true! true!"

This discourse helped to pave the way for the abolition of human sacrifices and other reforms of a similar kind.

W. A.

INTRODUCING THEIR "GRAND OLD MAN."

THE Old Calabar missionary who signed himself so modestly, above, "W. A.," must have a further introduction to our readers.

Rev. William Anderson was the last of three staunch pioneers of the Mission of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, in West Africa. All three passed away in 1895: Hope Waddell, at ninety years; Hugh Goldie, eighty; William Anderson, eighty-four.

One of Mr. Anderson's most distinguished victories in Africa was securing, in 1850, the passage of a law abolishing human sacrifices. After fifty years of active service, the first nine of them in Jamaica, he retired to Edinburgh to spend the evening of his days. But the jubilee of Old Calabar Mission was coming this year; his wife's grave had been made at Duke Town in 1882; long ago Mr. Anderson had said, "I have no desire to leave the soil of Calabar till the Resurrection morning:" and so, last summer, he rose up to return to his adopted country. The people met him with demonstrations of great joy and one of the missionaries wrote that he was "as full of fun as ever, constantly joking in his old way, but with a subdued tenderness about him." To give a fuller impression of his delightful personality, we quote from *The Missionary Record:*

> For the past six years he has been going in and out amongst us at home, in most unobtrusive humility. His eyes dim by reason of age, but the natural force of his massive frame enduring otherwise in wonderful measure, his voice free and even startlingly resonant to the last, his big heart ever glowing with love and kindling the affection of all who came into contact with any outgleaming of its holy fire; he was the grand old man of our missionary world and not less warmly admired and loved by men of other churches.
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> "Seldom did any Mission Board receive a letter like that which came from William Anderson, complaining that his retiring allowance* of £120 was much too large, and asking that the half of it might be divided between the Aged Minister's Fund and Foreign Missions."

The Zenana Mission Quarterly also says:

> "In him our woman's work has lost a warm friend

* Seldom does a Mission Board grant so large allowance.—ED.

and munificent giver. It has only transpired since his death that the first donation to the Annuity Fund for Zenana Missionaries (£600) was the gift of this large-hearted man."

In a public meeting in Edinburgh, twenty years ago, Mr. Anderson quoted some lines, suggested by Livingstone's words: "Make me a hut to die in." These lines are now appropriate to himself and, still more so, to one who was an appreciated friend of his, our own Dr. Good of the Gaboon Mission.

"'A hut to die in!' Let me rest;
God bids me fall asleep;
Here lay my pillow down. This earth
My wearied bones shall keep.

"It is well that I die upon the field
Where I have lived, and worked and fought;
I die upon my shield."

A NOVEL BELL TOWER.

Angom never had a bell tower. The bell which used to summon people to meetings was suspended under the roof of our house, and as its sound traversed the adjoining village very imperfectly, people used to excuse themselves for not coming to service by saying they did not hear the bell. As for other villages, it was still more hopeless.

Some time ago we got a better bell, and the first thought was to raise it fifteen or twenty feet above the ground by a wooden framework. One objection to this was the destructiveness of white ants; another, that the bell would not be heard so far as if at a considerably greater height. The difficulty was solved by my good wife, whose practical eye noted the fitness of a certain tree on the mission premises having branches about forty feet from the ground. I took no steps in the matter, hesitating to risk a serious accident to some native, in the endeavor to swing the bell so high. But when I was away from the station for over a month, Mrs. Marling realized her idea, aided by the skill of some Fang men whom she superintended. They constructed ladders along each of the two trunks of the tree. A pole was laid along the side. To this, and the tree itself, was lashed, by bushrope made of native vines, the first step. Standing on this, the man bored a hole some distance higher in the tree. Then, placing therein one of his great toes, he raised and supported himself while lashing on the next step. Resting upon these, the men hauled up a beam and placed it in horizontal position, and matters were at this stage when I returned from Mission Meeting. The operation of hoisting the bell to its place I superintended myself. It was a great day for the village when the bell was swung. A large crowd assembled and lent willing hands, and it went up without accident.

THE CHURCH BELL.
From a photograph.

At the dawn of every Sabbath the bell announces the arrival of the sacred day of rest, and it sounds again at later hours the call to the house of God. Its voice goes forth even to other villages, and although they do not heed it as they should, it is at least a reminder of the Christian's holy day.

A. W. Marling.

FIRST JOURNEY FROM THE COAST UP TO EFULEN.

It would be impossible to give you any idea of the path through the forest, what with logs, tree-tops, roots, stones, hills, swamps and streams. We passed through several companies of driver-ants. All other insects were getting out of their way and we thought best to do so, too. The men carrying my hammock walked logs. At first I was a little shaky, but they were very sure-footed. We always camped near a stream of water. I had a cot

bed and Mr. Johnston slept in the hammock or on a native bed of bamboo poles.

We did not see a single human habitation for two days, and crossed one stream six times in less than a mile. The women were so much astonished at my hair that I combed it in several towns for their benefit. All wondered at my being carried and men walking. If I put my hand down on the hammock some one would catch it to shake it, or rather, shake wrists. It rained hard the night of January 2, and on the 3d we determined to make a forced march and get through, I being the only obstacle in the way. Our clothing was wet, the hills were long and steep, but we made twenty-eight miles that day and received a very warm reception from Dr. and Mrs. Johnson at Efulen, regardless of our dilapidated condition.

We found a four-roomed house ready for us—bark walls, thatch roof, and floors of native boards. We have our furniture made now and are housekeeping in good earnest, and I would not exchange my humble little home in Africa for any of yours, which I know so well in the U. S. A. In our study we have the late Dr. Good's table.

The people are much interested in some S. S. charts we brought with us. All are delighted with pictures of animals and people, but cannot comprehend others. I am told the temperature has not been over 88 degrees here in eleven months. We are very busy learning our new language as well as getting acquainted with the people, whom we consider very interesting, and we long to be able to tell them the story of the cross.

Emily Logan Johnston.

TWO FIRST PRAYERS IN BULE.

[Dr. Johnson has put up a little hospital, at his own charges, which accommodates several patients.—EDITOR.]

LAST month a man was brought to me who fourteen days before had met with a serious accident. I told him he had waited too long before coming and he could not live. They wished to take him home to die and I went there to ease his suffering and to point him to God through Christ. He listened eagerly, and when I asked if he could pray, he said he would try. It was the *first* prayer I ever heard from the lips of a Bule. He prayed earnestly for mercy, forgiveness, and that God would receive him into "His town." He had been a very bad man and was not an attendant at the services since I have been here, and I was greatly surprised at his intelligence concerning God. It certainly spoke well for those who proclaimed the Word in the months previous to our arrival. It also brought the thought that perhaps the people about our hill are not so ignorant of the things of Christ as we think, and of our great responsibility to personally urge them immediately to profit by this knowledge.

A week ago last Sunday, I went to some towns about an hour and a half from here, in an out-of-the-way place and reached by a bad, watery road. On reaching the first village, I asked the people to come along to the central town, as I was going to tell them the words of God. They said "they did not know the words of God, so what was the use of going." I finally persuaded them, and three of the villages turned out and came along to the fourth. I sent on to the villages beyond, and some of them came. About seventy-five people followed me into the palaver house. I saw but one face I had ever seen before, that of a little boy. I sat down on one of their pole beds, and after they became quiet, which was some time for I had to be admired and criticised before I could proceed, I began by questioning them. Some of them knew about *Zambe* (God), but not a person could tell who Jesus Christ was; they said they had never heard of Him. With what mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, yet with what delight in His promises concerning the power of His Word, did I begin to tell the story. How I thanked God for even my little knowledge of their language. He helps one to speak His word and, as I talked earnestly though doubtless very poorly, they listened intently.

After talking half an hour and singing, I told them I would pray God to help them understand. They looked very curiously at me and no sooner had I begun than shouts came from various quarters: "Look! He has shut his eyes. Who is he talking to?" and similar remarks. Then they became quiet. Afterward I explained that they should not dishonor God so, and with one accord they said: "No; they did not mean to do that, but they had *never seeu any one pray before*, and it looked so funny to see me talk with my eyes shut."

Silas F. Johnson.

Two hundred Christian martyrs in Africa have during the last five years sealed their testimony with their lives.

SYRIA.

INDUSTRIAL ELEMENT IN SIDON ACADEMY.

Mrs. Mary P. Ford wrote from SIDON, March 30:

I have not heard of any one, foreign or native, who regrets introduction of the industrial element into Sidon Academy, this year. The pupils are divided into sections and all work one and a half hours a day at some one of the four trades now in operation: masonry, carpentry, tailoring and shoemaking. Agriculture must wait till land can be purchased and this cannot be done at once, because land owners have various ends to secure and various parties to please. Many trips must be made to different lots of land which might possibly be eligible, and many interviews must be held with more or less unreasonable property-holders or their agents. The continued difficulties and delays try the patience but are doubtless profitable for discipline, and we hope the result may be the more favorable when at last attained. As I write, I hear the voices of the boys at their play in recess. The order of the yard is marred by piles of boards and stones, brought by camels and donkeys, but they signify activity and we like to see them.

Perfection is not claimed for any department, but there are tokens of progress and in these we may rejoice and give thanks hopefully. Although there are not wanting evidences of imperfect and selfish human nature in this family of young men and boys, there seems to be a large degree of harmony and good-will also; a pleasure in the morning and evening prayers when they always sing two hymns, in Sunday services and weekly prayer-meeting.

This school in Sidon, which consists of pupils from as far north as Aleppo and as far south as Haifa, from different sects and classes of society, enlists our special personal interest; but we do not forget that there are hundreds of such institutions in mission fields all over the world. Ought we not to expect much from the youth of this generation in answer to the prayers of Christians for them? May the petitions for "mission schools" be more earnest, specific, and believing!

CHINA.

DOCTORS HAVE A BREATHING PLACE—CHINESE STOMACHS.

DR. ELEANOR CHESNUT wrote from SAM KONG (Canton Province) February 13:

I am improving the holiday to write to my friends. New Year's is a time of relaxation for the medical missionary, for no loyal Chinese dares be sick then. All patients leave the hospital and, if they are not cured, imagine themselves so for the present. I should think they would need a physician in constant attendance, for they are continually feasting on most indigestible things. I have acquired thus early a great veneration for the Chinese stomach. Its hydrochloric acid and pepsin must be of a superior quality to accomplish so much against such great odds.

SKIRMISH UNDER THE TABLE.

Yesterday Mrs. Machle and myself attended a feast which consisted of pork, dried duck, chicken, an indigestible dried fish, rice and other vegetables. The table was clean, the bowls were clean, and so were the chop-sticks, which the women handled with astonishing dexterity. I was just reflecting on the simplicity of their arrangements and the complexity of our own, when an incident occurred which made me prefer the complex to the simple. It was a skirmish under the table between the house dog and a stray pig. It is the dog's prerogative to gather the scraps which fall from his master's table. They are often only too few, and this dog did not propose to share his extra treat with a wanton pig. The battle was lively until one of the women seized a bamboo stick and, with many sturdy whacks, drove the intruder out.

IMPORTANT EVENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Thwing have left us and settled in Canton. Mrs. Lingle has been received with great rejoicing into our midst. Two tiny, chubby missionaries have come to brighten our lives and, last but not least, the Woman's Hospital has been opened. It received its first patients January 1, 1896. Since that we have had seven in-patients, about three hundred dis-

pensary calls and some outside visits. The women come in one by one, through the bamboo gate. My only grief is that I have no efficient helper to teach them. Our material here is all in the raw. If Mrs. Lingle opens a woman's school, it will be a great blessing to every department of work.

AN EXPRESSIVE SCENE.

The first day I opened the Lien Chow dispensary a young woman came suffering from profound anæmia. I gave her a simple tonic and she came back the next week much better. Her gratitude and happiness were touching. I told her then of a greater Physician whose marvellous touch had healed all manner of disease and whose power now can heal the sin-sick soul. I asked her to go every day and learn of this Christ. She gladly promised. Every day found her in the chapel listening to the Bible woman. The last time I went they were both very joyful. "She believes," said the Bible woman. "I have taught her to pray and she comes every Sunday to worship the true God." They gazed into each other's faces with a look of love.

"This is my new mother" said the younger woman.

"She is as my own daughter" said the elder. "See, I made her this," pointing with child-like pleasure to a little brooch. "I wanted to show my love for her in some way."

This little scene was a wonderful evidence to me, in this undemonstrative China, of the power of Christ's love. The teacher loved the taught because she had helped her to find the same Master. The taught loved the teacher because she had been her guide.

DR. ANNA LARSEN wrote from ICHOWFU, February 14, 1896:

. . . . Your mention of making raspberry jelly and jams makes me feel like the Israelites after they had left Egypt. Not that I care so much for the jellies, but I do like fresh raspberries and strawberries. I enjoyed the latter in Shanghai. Mrs. Johnson and children, Mrs. Killie and I, escorted by two soldiers and Mr. Killie, left Ichowfu February 21, last year, and Mrs. Killie and I returned June 5. The other members of our station, including Mr. and Mrs. Chalfant returning from America, came about three weeks later.

MEDICAL WORK

here has been carried on as usual. The women were treated by Dr. Johnson or his Chinese assistants during my absence. I am glad to say that the number of patients is larger than last year, notwithstanding the war. The total number of women treated during the year is 4,108, of whom 2,525 are new cases, 1,535 return cases and 48 were seen in their homes. On the men's side in the dispensary there have been 8,680 cases and 1,250 seen in the country. The sum total, men and women, who have received medicine from Ichowfu Dispensary during 1895 being 14,038.

Some days have been very busy, others dull and dreary. Sometimes I am discouraged; other times, when I see people benefited, I am happy. Yesterday was Chinese New Year's. A great many men and women called and many women have called to-day. Five of them came two miles to wish Mrs. Johnson and me a happy New Year. They were old patients.

February 17.— . . . . I have been in to the city to see a nice woman with a carbuncle. Last Saturday I went into the country, had a very hard case; but the Lord is true to his promise "As thy days so shall thy strength be." Mrs. Killie and I went about thirty miles south, last month. There has been a Christian family there for a good many years, but no outsiders seem to be coming in. The family is rather exclusive, and we thought if we went down there to see sick people, they would be sure to come and the family would let them in; and so they did. Do you remember the place we went to, last year? I saw mention in WOMAN'S WORK of the theatricals the patient's husband gave to celebrate her recovery. She only improved: I told them when I first went, there was no hope of her recovery. She died, but her relatives still come to us.

DR. JOHNSON'S HELPER

had a splendid offer from the old gentleman to go to that place and start independent practice and he would supply him with money to begin and considerably larger salary than he gets here, besides a share in the profits after they reached a certain sum. Mr. Yu refused to go for two reasons. One was, that Dr. Johnson needed him here and the other was that his wife was not a Christian.

MRS. J. N. HAYES wrote from SOOCHOW, Feb. 1:

Three women who are studying the character come and recite to me. One is a dear old woman between fifty and sixty. She was only to come twice in the week, but she is so interested she comes every day. She is studying hymns, S. S. lesson and catechism. Another does not get along so well. The third is young, commits readily and is doing nicely. This girl has quite a history. She was betrothed to a young man who, I believe, is an opium smoker and they were going to sell her to a brothel in Shanghai, when Mr. B. became acquainted with the family. He succeeded in getting her away by paying over a hundred dollars. We cannot tell what will be the outcome.

The young lady teacher of the day school recently became engaged to a good young man. They met at our house a few days ago. He had a letter for her which he had written. He did not hand it to her, but threw it down at her feet. Their ways, even though queer, are an improvement on those of the heathen.

NORTH INDIA.

THE MOTHER'S PART.

MRS. U. S. JONES wrote from KHANNA, Feb. 22:

We have been in camp all the month and have spent

the time just at three centers. Miss Morris is with us, and it has been a great pleasure to have a companion and helper. Or I should put it the other way, that I have been privileged to help her.

My first duty is towards the children God has given us, and only those who have been in India, or some other heathen land, know how difficult it is to keep their little hearts pure and their little lips free from what they should not use. I try never to be away for more than a couple of hours at a time. But often —— and —— have been little missionaries themselves. They are even more attractive than the baby organ to the women, many of whom had never seen a white child. You would have been amused at some of their questions: "Were they the same color all over?" "What soap do I use to whiten them?" etc.

THE WALL OF MOHAMMEDANISM.

I love to talk to the Hindu women; they seem appreciative and demonstrative, and we can speak of Christ's Sonship without hesitation. In Lahore, before I was married, I often had an attentive audience of Mohammedan women, but I knew I had only to use one expression (Christ the Son of God) and they would all get up and go away. I do think Mohammedans are the most difficult people to work among. I often feel the need of much grace to be patient with their self-righteousness. "Oh, yes, we too believe in Jesus. We don't need a Saviour; we shall be saved by our good works; God is almighty and all-merciful." These expressions we hear almost every day. A sense of sin and unworthiness is a thing unknown to most of them. Death, too, has no terrors for them. My husband, preaching in a village the other day, made a man very angry by speaking of death as a part of the curse. He said that could not be or the holy prophets would not have died. Death was God calling, and he was ready to die. Only God's Spirit can make them tremble at the judgment to come.

I have never seen such hopelessly sad faces as in this heathen land. The people have little in their homes to make them happy, and nothing in their religion. "Does God ever answer your prayers?" I inquired of an old Mohammedan woman one day. "No, never, never," was the despairing answer. "Then how do you know there is a living God?" I again asked, and the indifferent reply was, "Our Book says there is, but I don't know." One is sometimes tempted to agree with their men that "These women have no minds," they are so like bits of machinery.

MISS JOHNSON wrote, twenty-five miles from ALLAHABAD, from Camp in a mango grove, Feb. 12:

. . . . . Saturday night father showed his magic lantern pictures in the grove to about 700 men and boys and we had much *bhajan* singing to the accompaniment of my baby organ. I have become so familiar with the tunes that I can play them in the dark and by ear about as well as in the light. If you have heard many of them you will not be surprised by that statement, and it will not sound boastful. Sunday morning, Dr. Bertha Caldwell and I took a little village not far away and collected a knot of women by talking and singing. We sat on a fallen tree trunk and they sat about with babies in their arms and other children huddling near. It put it into my head to tell them of our Lord; how he treated mothers who brought their little ones to Him.

Sunday afternoon we had our usual service in the grove. This was most satisfactory, so many came, men and boys, and listened earnestly and quietly. A big old cotton carpet had been spread for the audience and we sat on chairs facing the people. Dr. Caldwell counted 145 heads. Instead of one sermon there were three short addresses, two prayers and six *bhajans*. They sat through it almost to a man. We were rather amused to see an industrious *darzi* come and spread his tiny square of carpet at the edge of the crowd, and sew away diligently while he listened.

A SCHOOL OF MOHAMMEDAN GIRLS.

Monday morning we womenfolk took the dusty five-mile drive to Kara. It is a curious old town, with remains of an ancient fort built by the Emperor Arungzebe, the women said, and many ruined houses built of the tiny bricks they used in old days. The fort is on a bluff overlooking the Ganges, of which we caught a glimpse from the house top where we found Mrs. Emerson's school (of the Union Society). As they knew we were coming, they were gorgeous to behold in their best silk pajamas and gayest veils. The teacher's veil was pale yellow and her trousers a variegated red. She wore a nose ring, quantities of earrings and bracelets. There was just one incongruous detail in her attire: coarse white stockings, which looked very odd in her gay shoes turned up at the toes. Mrs. Emerson wore the ordinary native Christian dress, a simply made skirt, jacket and white *chuddar*.

The girls read and repeated Bible verses and part of the multiplication table, swaying their little bodies and chanting by no means in unison. It was a dear little school, but somehow I love Hindoo girls better and feel more hopeful of their becoming Christians than I do of little Mohammedan girls.

JAPAN.

MRS. HAWORTH wrote from OSAKA, Feb. 11:

Sunday afternoon services here are a great spiritual help. Resident missionaries of the American Board, Southern Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Missions take turns preaching, and as there are twelve of them it does not become a burden to any one.

We have all the work we can do and are refusing many requests for lack of time and strength. I am trying to look after Miss Haworth's schools. This morning there were seventy-five little ones out at one school to receive a package of cakes, because this is

about the greatest of Japanese holidays. They say Jimmu Tenno took up the reigns of government on this day over two thousand years ago. Each package of cake cost less than a cent, but it meant a great deal to the children, for they are for the most part from very poor families where they have few treats of any kind. Sunday morning I teach a class of young men in English at the North Church. About four understand nearly all I say, I am doubtful about two more, and I know the other four do not understand but hope to gain some advantage in listening to me. Sometimes the superintendent will act as interpreter and drive the lesson home. I am always glad when he does it. Five of the boys are in the Commercial College and have asked us to teach them English. We had to refuse, for we can use time more profitably.

Mr. Haworth overhauled the church organ, and by pumping with all my might I can make its tones audible enough to be a help. We are to go before prayer meeting every Friday evening and drill the people in singing. Every Thursday afternoon the North Church women have a meeting. The first Thursday of the month they meet with me, and the pastor gives them a talk on missions. Next week the pastors and evangelists in this vicinity belonging to the Church of Christ in Japan meet with us to talk over their work.

THE RIGHT POLICY.

We do need a third lady so much in the girls' school. Our single ladies are so few that they have to go immediately to work and do not have the time they ought to study, in order to do the best and most lasting work. I wish there was a law as binding as that of the Medes and Persians that the single ladies should have their first year free for study. Then we might have many who could use the language like our dear Miss Hesser.

BRAZIL.

MISS BAXTER writes from SAN PAULO:

I wonder if I can tell you a few things about our work which you do not already know through others. Of course, you do know that our school is now a part of the Protestant College in Brazil, that is, the College begins with the Primary Department and is crowned with Mackenzie College; that we have two boarding-houses (called *Internatos*) one for boys, the other for girls; and that Mr. Waddell, aside from teaching in Mackenzie College, has charge of the Boys' *Internato*, situated about a mile from the day school, and on the grounds with "Mackenzie."

The Girls' *Internato* is on *Rua S. Joãs*, 109—or, No. 109 St. John's street. Our building is over twenty years old. Most of the rooms on the ground floor are the day school rooms. Back of the house and in the same yard, is a small building containing four primary school-rooms. Our family of girls is about as large as can be accommodated, and, counting a little girl who is expected within the next two days, is as follows: Miss Scott, *Directora;* Dona America, *Secretary;* three American and five Brazilian teachers; Miss Munson, *Matron*; two pupil teachers, Scotch, thirty girls, and the little daughter of one teacher; also a man-servant, cook and housemaid. Forty-seven is quite a family, we think, with our present inadequate accommodations My work is principally within the four walls of the First Year Primary Room, and such other as pertains to it.

We have a church—Second Presbyterian, which has good congregations twice every Sunday, and fair on Wednesday night. All our girls attend services on Sunday and have an afternoon meeting of their own, similar to a Christian Endeavor meeting. The boys attend Chapel and Sabbath-school at Mackenzie College, and volunteers come down afterward to the church school. They have a Christian Endeavor Society.

The prospects are very bright for the school. The entire number now matriculated is three hundred and forty-six. Mr. Lyon, who has come out for College work, Mrs. Robb and Miss Connell, our two new ladies, will all be of valuable assistance. We who have been here for some time have learned to love Brazil, and, now that we know the Brazilians better, we feel that if God wills, we may be able to work intelligently among them. Our hearts go out to them, and we long to make our school a success, for the sake of the good it can do.

Our pupils are from the best families in Brazil, and you can readily see what an influence our school may become, and how we can reach out in all directions with the refining influence of education, to send the Gospel into homes, and win souls for the Master. Every girl who stays one term in this house goes out of it a different girl. I am sure the daily training in care-taking in the house, daily contact with Gospel lessons in the school room, weekly attendance upon divine service, the mental discipline of regular study, the prayers constantly offered for "our girls" will not be in vain. We want girls, therefore; we want to do all we can to make it worth while for them to come to us. We have a few free pupils—that is, they pay no tuition, but each is taught to feel it a duty and privilege to help about the house, and they pledge themselves to remain as teachers for a certain number of years, receiving some salary as soon as they are able to teach a little. Our school is on the plan of public schools at home, but adapted to this country. The boys and girls recite together in classes, a great exception to most of the schools in Brazil.

Miss Scott and I have just had a vacation trip into the Interior, and have returned full of admiration for the wonderful possibilities of this beautiful land. We are thankful for freedom from persecution and war. Even the late revolution, while raging all around us, left us undisturbed, so that often we almost forgot that the country was not in absolute peace.

HOME DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMME FOR JULY MEETING.

HAINAN AND THE CHINESE IN AMERICA.

Hymn.—"Light of those who sit in darkness."
Scripture.—Isa. 42 : 1–16.
Outline History of Hainan Mission. (See WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN, July, '94, and *Church at Home and Abroad*, July, '95.)
Experiences of a Traveler in Hainan. (W. W., July, '93, '94, '95.)
Our Responsibility in Hainan. (*Ch. H. and A.*, Feb., '93.)
Loi Women. W. W., Feb., '93.
One-Minute Items.—

Contrasts.
- The Chinese in America.
- "The Stranger within thy gates," Lev. 19 : 33–37, Deut. 1 : 16, 17; 10 : 18, 19.
- The Chinese Exclusion Act. (W. W., July, '93.)
- Effect on Missions in China. (W. W., July, '93.)

Work among the Chinese of the Pacific Coast. (W. W., '93, '94, '95.; see also *Occidental Leaves.*)
A Missionary Bishopric. (*Ch. H. and A.*, July, '95.)
The Mind of a Chinese Woman.—Leaflet.
A Ministerial Trio. (*Ch. H. and A.*, July, '95.)
The Chinese in Eastern Cities.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Prayer.—For the Stranger within thy gates.

PAINESVILLE, OHIO. *Martha A. Lawrence.*

WOMAN'S BOARDS IN ANNUAL MEETING.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, April 29, 30.

Portsmouth will never seem far away, nor its people like strangers to those who attended the Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Foreign Missionary Society (Philadelphia). The woods of Southern Ohio furnished blossoming dogwood and azalia to make the churches beautiful, and the homes of other denominations as well as those of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches gave hospitable welcome to the delegates. From the quiet hour of prayer on Tuesday evening, led this year by Mrs. C. C. Doolittle, of Toledo, O., on to the closing meeting for young people Thursday evening, a spirit of thoughtful attention and sympathetic interest characterized every session.

The Treasurer's report gave the total receipts for the year $140,945 56. The Home Secretaries told of a Synodical Society, a Presbyterial Society, 13 Auxiliaries, 70 Bands, 102 C. E. Societies and 70 Junior C. E. Societies added to the roll, and the Foreign Secretaries reported seed sown and fruit gathered in the fourteen lands where 146 missionaries are at work.

The "lady from Philadelphia" gave the proper introduction to the group of missionaries who gathered on the platform on Wednesday morning: Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Chalfant of China, Mrs. Good of Africa, Mrs. Ewing of India, Miss Eakin of Siam, Mrs. Dale and Miss Holmes of Syria, and Mrs. Caldwell of Colombia, with two young ladies under appointment, Miss Johnson and Miss Hawes, whose faces are turned toward India and China. Mrs. McDowell of Mosul, detained from the meeting, and Mrs. Boyce of Mexico, watching by the sickbed of her mother, were tenderly remembered. Each of the missionaries had opportunity to give her message as the days slipped away. *Among the Women of Shantung*, *Medical Work in Wei Hien*, *Our Sisters in Africa*, *Work in the Punjab*, *In and Out of Siamese Homes*, *Women and Girls of Syria*, and *Experiences from Mission Life in South America*, gave glimpses of life and work in the different fields, leaving deep impressions of great need, great opportunity, great encouragement, as expressed in the words quoted by the President,

"Out of the darkness of night,
The world breaks out into light,
It is daybreak everywhere."

The roll-call of Presbyteries, responded to by Scripture texts, the welcome to the new Synodical Society of Ohio, acknowledged by its President, Mrs. Wm. E. Moore of Columbus, a paper on *The Seen and the Unseen in*

Mission Work, by Mrs. Robert Aikman of Madison, N. J., a stirring appeal for the circulation and thoughtful reading of missionary literature, by Miss Charlotte Hawes of Pittsburg, introduced by the question *How Readest Thou?* were interesting features of the programme.

The Conference on Young People's Work, Wednesday afternoon, gave opportunity for the discussion of Work Among the Little Children, the Missionary Committee, the Leader's Part, the Young Woman's Place. A delegate from a Boys' Brigade in Cincinnati gave his testimony that the best way to arouse the interest of the boys was "to set a live, interested woman loose among them." The importance of method in missionary study and judicious use of maps were also urged.

The Conference of synodical and presbyterial officers Thursday morning was full of life, touching upon such practical points as the relation of the Presbyterial Society to the C. E. Societies, the duty of young women toward the Auxiliaries, the value of special objects, etc., and led the way to an open conference and question box conducted by Mrs. Kumler, in which lively discussion was elicited by the presentation of the subject, Special Objects, A Triangular View:

The Contributor's View.

The Missionary's View.

The Secretary's View.

Other questions followed, calling out suggestions that made the hour valuable.

The closing hour on Thursday afternoon was thrown open for personal testimony, "By way of remembrance," and more than twenty took part in brief mention of helpful thoughts that had come to them in connection with the exercises.

The popular meeting on Wednesday evening was addressed by Mr. Robert E. Speer, whose clear arguments, based on facts and figures, set forth the responsibility of the Presbyterian Church toward 160,000,000 souls in the fields entrusted to its care, and brought home to the individual conscience the high motives that made Henry Martyn willing to "burn out for God."

The Young People's meeting on Thursday evening, led by Miss Holmes, brought together a large congregation to listen to Mr. Murray's story of a young Chinese Christian who "did all she could," and Mrs. Ewing's sketch of Panjábi Young People, with living illustrations in two costumed figures, representing a Christian and a Mohammedan woman. The opening hymn, "The light of the world is Jesus," and an appropriate responsive Scripture reading voiced the silent message of a chart which hung upon the wall and was reproduced upon the programmes, the cross of Christ shedding its light upon the dark world. Words of earnest entreaty to high consecration from the leader and others were left with the young people as they separated, a tender tone of regret mingling with the parting chorus, "God be with you, till we meet again." *N.*

At Albany, New York, April 15, 16.

April 15th dawned bright and fair. One, however, wending her way through the streets of the Capital to the First Presbyterian Church, wondered if there was not some mistake in the calendar, for instead of an April day with April showers, we were welcomed with an August day. Notwithstanding the sudden heat, the auditorium, beautifully decorated for our reception, saw gathered a goodly number of women for the first session of the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting. This devotional service, led by Miss Terrett, of Saratoga, proved most delightful and helpful. After reading the message of the angels to the women on the first Easter morn together with our great commission, Miss Terrett called attention to the perpetual responsibility of the Church to evangelize the world; for the great commission was given not to the apostles alone but to representatives of the whole Church, and is binding to-day. The Master sends us forth, even as his Father sent him, giving the promise of the Holy Ghost. He bids us, as he bade Mary on that Easter morn, "Go tell," but first we need, like Mary, the vision of the risen Lord. The leader urged every one present to aim to enlist, during the year, one other woman; to be ready everywhere to lift up our voices in behalf of sending the gospel to the heathen, even if we are called "missionary cranks."

The evening session was presided over by the Rev. W. F. Whittaker, pastor of the church. After giving the delegates a cordial welcome, Mr. Whittaker urged the importance of the field they occupy, and that the society aim to see every church thoroughly organized for the work of foreign missions. One could not but feel that we needed just the words that had been spoken in the afternoon service, as we listened to Mr. Speer as he called attention to the great responsibility which our Presbyterian Church has taken upon itself, before God and man, in staking out the largest section of the heathen

world of any Church, and by so doing serving notice to the world that we would be responsible for giving the gospel to these people. As Mr. Speer enumerated the millions who look to us alone for knowledge of Christ, we should have been well nigh overwhelmed had we not remembered that He who said "Go tell," said also, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Though the devotional service Thursday morning was early, many delegates were already in their seats when Miss De Forest, of Fort Edward, opened the meeting. She urged the need of faith in our work and of courage in carrying it on. During this hour some, who had all these years been connected with the society, told what the work had been to them. As we listened to one from a country church, too poor to support a regular pastor, in which monthly missionary meeting is regularly held even though in winter women often wade through snowdrifts to be there, we felt that so long as there were such women in our societies we need not fear for the work.

The president, Mrs. Yeisley, taking the initial letters of the society, wove out of them as her subject: Work, Persistently, Faithfully, Mightily, Sacrificingly; Never Neglect the Young. She laid special emphasis on the importance of early training, urging mothers to begin when their children were babies to interest them in the coming of the Lord's Kingdom in dark parts of the world.

Mrs. A. G. Sherry, acting Corresponding Secretary for the past year, gave a most admirable report. The work at home had more than held its own, while that from the various fields in which the society is working was specially encouraging.

The ladies of the First Church served a bountiful lunch, and after the rest and refreshment of the noon intermission, the church was again filled for the closing session. The announcement of the coming Silver Anniversary and a request for a generous thank-offering wherewith to celebrate it, were made. Then came the Suggestion Corner. Mrs. Pond of Barranquilla, Colombia, was listened to with deep interest. As we heard her description of the religious destitution of the people, we realized more than ever how fittingly South America is called the Neglected Continent, and that darkness there is almost as dense as in "Darkest Africa."

After a delightful solo rendered by Mrs. Downing of Albany, came the Young People's Hour, in charge of Mrs. W. H. Hollister, Jr., of Troy. This proved a most interesting feature of the meeting, notwithstanding Mrs. Hollister had to change her programme almost at the last moment, owing to an accident. The Rev. Hector Hall gave a brief address on the marvelous progress of missions during the century. Nothing could have been more interesting than the exercises of the dear little children.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted. The ladies had been untiring in their efforts for the comfort and welfare of their guests. Mr. Whittaker again urged upon the delegates the importance of their work, and the need to see that all parts of our field are organized for aggressive missionary work. After prayer the benediction was pronounced, and we turned our faces towards our homes, we trust with a deeper sense of our responsibility and need of divine guidance and power.

Emily A. Darling.

At Oklahoma City, April 23-26.

THE Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of the Southwest, held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was of unabated interest and success from beginning to end.

On Thursday evening an informal reception was tendered the delegates. The church, Rev. F. W. Hawley, pastor, was beautifully decorated with palms and Bermuda lilies in such quantities that the building was filled with fragrance. The choir gave several delightful numbers. The delegates were welcomed by Senator A. C. Scott in an able address, which was answered by Mrs. Innis Hopkins on behalf of the Board.

The Meeting was preceded on Friday morning by a solemn communion service conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. R. King and Dr. Henry. Under the sacred influences of that hour the Meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. W. Prentis, who led a responsive service.

A very cordial address of welcome from Mrs. Sherwood was fitly responded to by our President. After the appointment of various committees, reports from all our Synods were listened to; in all, gains over last year were reported. Most earnest and convincing pleas for the imperative need of more missionary literature and periodicals in use among the auxiliaries were made by Mrs. C. R. Hopkins and Mrs. A. J. Neimeyer. An Open Parliament followed, full of helpful hints to those who wished to know more of carrying on work systematically. Not a moment was wasted, at no time did the interest flag; of the two entire days the same can be said.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional service, led by Mrs. M. E. Jacke, followed by a report, prepared by Mrs. G. E. Martin, of the schools under our care. "The Christian Endeavor Hour," led by Miss Jennie McGintie, was helpful, as was also the discussion which followed on methods of work.

Miss Cort was listened to with eager interest as she told of the Siamese and their manner of life. Dr. Thomas Marshall's theme was, "Not your money *or* your life, but your money *and* your life." The most thoughtless listener must have been convinced that there is "something wrong, somewhere," that more money is not being poured into the treasuries of the Church, and must have gone away stirred to give and to incite others to give more than ever before. In the evening a large audience greeted Rev. S. L. Ward, who ably presented the work in his chosen field of Persia.

Saturday morning devotions were led by Mrs. Little, of Texas. A discussion on ways of interesting Sabbath-schools in missions came next, followed by a Children's Hour, led by Mrs. L. Knight in her characteristic manner. The noon intermission on both days allowed a most delightful social hour.

Mrs. Tweedale, of Topeka, led devotional exercises in the afternoon, after which we listened to tidings from our missionaries. Mr. Ward gave an instructive talk on the Teheran school and hospital. After reports of various committees, Miss Cort, Mr. Ward and Dr. Marshall each spoke a few farewell words. Our president gave a sweet and touching address on the words "Abide in Me," which had been the key-note of the entire meeting. The congregation joined devoutly in that prayer-hymn, "Abide with me." The pastor pronounced the benediction, and with a sigh of regret we realized that the Nineteenth Annual Meeting was over.

Our sisters in Oklahoma City have our cordial thanks for their unwearied efforts on behalf of this meeting, and the thoughtful love and care which they bestowed on us.

(*Mrs.*) *Augusta Robertson Moore.*

Muscogee, Ind. Ter.

At San Francisco, April 1-3.

WITH the return of spring days, when our hearts are full of the joyous uplift of the recurring Easter season, comes the Annual Meeting of our Occidental Board. To this meeting, of the many that crowd our year, we turn with the deepest joy, for to it come representatives from every one of our Presbyteries and nearly all of our Auxiliaries, and we are assured that the blessed work for our Master in all lands will be planned for more wisely, by consultation face to face with these workers.

A beautiful prelude to the business sessions was the reception to delegates on Wednesday afternoon. Our delegates appreciate this re-union and upon this occasion nearly all were present.

The business sessions were preceded by sweet services of prayer and praise, beginning each morning at the early hour of nine. At 10 A. M. on Thursday, our President, Mrs. P. D. Browne, called the Meeting to order and spoke briefly of the lights and shadows of the past year, giving emphasis to the former. Her closing thought was, "Finally, in all things let us rejoice, for the Lord hath led us in wondrous ways." The programme was replete with good things. Reports of officers of the Board came first. Although these were intensely interesting and showed progress in all lines, we could but feel that we must increase our efforts for the new year if we keep pace with the development of the work the Lord hath commissioned us to do. Reports from Presbyterial Societies were full of encouragement, showing increase in contributions in societies and, best of all, in individual interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. Our President, in her annual address, took us away from the machinery of our work; and in that half hour, listening to her words, we dwelt in His presence and were brought to a realizing sense of the power which hath redeemed the world.

An object lesson that will linger forever in our memories was presented by our Visitor to Chinese homes in San Francisco. Mrs. Vrooman led into the Assembly Room, from *heathen homes*, more than one hundred Chinese women besides nearly as many children. These, our sisters who sit in darkness bowing only to gods of wood and stone, never seemed so real, so near us before. The children of the Home School sang hymns and kindergarten songs for these visitors, the audience sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and, then, they went back to their homes, followed, we doubt not, by fervent prayers that the Light of the world may speedily be revealed to them.

Our missionary-elect, Miss Wambold, was our guest of honor upon this occasion, and we had with us also two others of our "Native Daughters" who are almost ready to be sent to foreign lands. Miss Wambold sailed on the S. S. *Coptic* for Seoul, Korea, April 8.

She is the second missionary sent out by Immanuel Church, Los Angeles, the first being Mrs. Amy Saxton Fulton of Japan. Missionaries representing many lands were present, and each vied with the other in presenting the cause of Christ as it now stands in her special field of labor. Dr. Effie Bailie and Mrs. Beattie stirred our hearts by their earnest appeals for China. Mrs. A. E. Sturge, now missionary to the Japanese in California, brought us an eloquent plea for Siam in her sketch of a Siamese convert.

Mrs. Cruikshank gave a brief sketch of the "Jerusalem of To-day," and Mrs. Cheek spoke of early mission work in the Laos country. Mrs. Condit gave some inspiring results of early mission work among the Chinese women of California. Miss Culbertson and her assistant, Miss D. M. Cameron, reported a most successful year of work in our Mission Home, San Francisco. Thus closed the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of our Board. The old book is shut forever and the clean, new one lies open before us. Let us write upon its pages more prayers for our missionaries, more real soul-saving prayers for converts in heathen lands and a more earnest consecration of our own lives, our gold, our time, our *all* to the cause of Christ in all lands, even to the "ends of the earth."

At Salem, Oregon, April 21, 22.

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of the North Pacific Board, was the occasion of a large gathering of ladies at Salem, the beautiful capital city of Oregon. Some came by boat, some by train, from the East, West, North and South, until our hearts took up the refrain of the sweet Psalmist of old, "Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord unto the testimony of Israel to give thanks unto the name of our Lord." To the forty-five ladies who went by boat from Portland, the day was one of constant delight. Passing up the Willamette between flowery banks, the air was laden with perfume of wild syringa, dogwood and apple blossoms. The kind greetings and graceful hospitality of the Salem ladies were an earnest of good things to come.

Meetings were held in the First Church, which was made beautiful with potted plants and flowers. Tuesday morning the service of prayer gave the keynote to all which was to follow, the central thought being our dependence upon Christ, and earnest prayer was made that the Holy Spirit would guide us in all our plans. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. J. M. Martin, of Salem, responded to by our President, Mrs. W. S. Ladd, of Portland.

The reports of Secretaries were full of interest, giving account of good work done and a hopeful outlook for the future. In the home field new societies had been formed, new interest awakened. The young people's societies and Sunday-school work were well presented, showing faithful work done.

When our Treasurer, Mrs. Mossman, came forward with her report we listened with anxious solicitude, for we knew that times had been hard and the Lord's money slow in coming in. "A Treasurer's report seems on the surface to be made up of dry facts, but if I could lift the veil, you would read a report which would stir every heart in my hearing. It tells of real sacrifice and self-denial made by our women, a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing unto the Lord." She reported an increase in gifts for Foreign work, but a falling off in the Home receipts. This was what we had feared, but our sorrow was of short duration for, immediately, word comes from our noble President that she will make up the deficiency. Then amid clapping of hands, a voice from the audience is heard, "Let us sing 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,'" and I may safely say not one refused to sing in that large assembly.

The Foreign Secretary's report brought before us our own missionaries, for whom constant prayer is made. She told of their earnest lives, giving interesting incidents of their experience. It was our privilege to have with us the mothers of two of them, who were a help and inspiration. The Box Secretary's report showed that, being on Home Mission ground, there is much to be done in helping missionaries just about us as well as in filling boxes for Alaskan schools. A paper on the "Privilege of Giving," by Mrs. Montgomery, of Oregon City, was listened to with pleasure.

Tuesday evening a large audience gathered to hear the address of Mrs. A. W. Stowell upon the work of the North Pacific Board. She had much to say that was helpful and interesting.

It was a disappointment that our President could remain with us but one day, but her place was well filled by our first Vice-President, Mrs. Holbrook. A paper by Mrs. C. E. Adams upon "The Freedmen," awakened a strong determination in many to do more for this poor benighted race.

The afternoon Praise Service led by Mrs. Park was most elevating and brought us very near the Throne. The "Prayer League," presented by Mrs. Campbell, gained many new names pledged to daily prayer for mis-

sions. The "Methods of Work" conference, conducted by Mrs. E. W. Allen, gave each society a chance to be heard, and a lively time followed.

Wednesday evening, the Chinese work was presented. Although not mentioned before, several girls from the Home in Portland had attended every session. The brilliantly lighted church filled to overflowing, the platform softly shaded with palms, where were seated the Chinese girls in native costumes, presented a picturesque scene. Mrs. Holbrook told briefly the history of the Home from its beginning, and the story of slavery from which these girls had been rescued. Mrs. Clarkson told of the Home as it is now, a safe and happy shelter, always on the lookout for the unfortunate. The slighest indication by a friendly Chinaman that a slave girl wants to escape to the "Jesus Home," and matron, police, Bible reader are all on the alert and they are pretty sure to get her. Mrs. Dong Faiz, a Christian Chinese, has been indispensable in the rescue of these girls, and as she arose a look of expectation was on every face. She said the woman who brought her over promised she should have a house of gold with a gold chair. Looking in vain for them at the first, she said, "I now know where is the gold chair," and, pointing upward, "There is my gold chair, I have it by and by."

A delightful reception closed one of the pleasantest meetings ever held by the North Pacific Board, and with hand-shakings and good-byes we started on our homeward trip.

(*Mrs.*) *S. T. Lockwood.*

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 22, 23.

THE Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Board of the Northwest is pronounced by many the most remarkable in its history. The Silver Jubilee feature constituted an interesting element. The programme was rich and varied, and the audience listened with unwearied attention throughout the sessions, which were conducted with great energy and a business-like dispatch reflecting much credit upon the management, especially upon the President, Mrs. H. H. Forsyth, who proved herself worthy to wear the mantle of her mother, Mrs. Hoge.

A conference for officers Tuesday evening developed many practical suggestions, which must promote advance in local work.

After an impressive devotional service Wednesday morning, Mrs. S. S. Merrill gracefully extended to all a cordial welcome, and called to mind the great organization of which "this large audience present is but a small fraction." She spoke of growth along all lines of women's work, so strikingly illustrated in the field of Missions. Mrs. Wm. Blair, in her response, feelingly referred to those who have passed from our sight in the past twenty-five years; "a great cloud of witnesses" who still live by the power of the inspiration they bequeathed us. Brief reports were given from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota. They showed decided gains and uniformly expressed a degree of faith and courage for future service, encouraging to hear. Mrs. D. B. Wells reported "no boom" in missionary interests, for Indiana, but steady growth and some distinctive features in methods of work, such as: mid-year conferences of officers; equal distribution of interest in Home and Foreign Work; "much visitation" is the watchword. Mrs. Reisser gave a bright report of the young people's work in Iowa.

A very interesting address by Mrs. Lucas, first missionary sent out by the Northwest Board to India, was followed by reports of Foreign Secretaries. The Young People's Hour was ably conducted by Mrs. N. D. Hillis. Several earnest addresses presented different phases of work among young people. Miss Jacobs's address upon the "Student Volunteer Movement" was received with great acceptance. She showed very logically how the pledge of this organization teaches action. It is not enough to *wish* to do; a decided "I purpose" is expressed in the Pledge. "Go, Let go, Help go" must be the watchword of the Volunteer. Mrs. D. B. Wells showed by a beautiful illustration, performed with glasses of water and chemically prepared dark fluids, the contrast between the life of a young girl in Christendom and one in Heathendom. Family love, opportunities for all kinds of development and of diversion, are continually poured into the life of the one till her "cup runneth over;" while neglect. privation, persecution, fill up with dark verities the cup of the other. The transforming power of Christ's love was illustrated by chemically changing the dark fluids to clear water. The inference as to the duty of the one girl toward the other was impressed most vividly and strikingly by this object lesson. Time fails us to tell of the interesting points brought out, in "Higher Mathematics," by Mrs. Loughridge of Illinois, or the address of Miss Holliday, missionary to Persia for the past ten years. Many touching recitals of converts to Christianity in Tabriz field, answered emphatically the question, Is it worth while?

The Rev. A. A. Kiehle, Pastor of Calvary Church, conducted the evening meeting. Several thousand persons were present. Mr. Kiehle congratulated the Board upon their grand service and urged that the combined strength of mankind and womankind be employed at this time of crisis in Missions.

The addresses of Rev. Arthur Brown, D.D., Secretary of the Assembly's Board, and of Rev. T. C. Hall, D.D., Chicago, were delivered with power and received with marked evidences of appreciation. Dr. Brown impressed the strong contrasts between the condition and treatment of Christian and heathen women. He declared "We must besiege Heaven's gate that

the spirit of prayer and consecration come upon our churches.'' Dr. Hall believed that if there was anything in election it meant "We are elected to do something.'' He said "Our very homes, their security and comfort, depend upon how we look after others. Our own salvation depends upon how we love and care for others.''

The devotional service of Thursday morning, led by Mrs. N. D. Pratt, was one of deep earnestness and fervor. Many petitions were offered for a new baptism of the Spirit of Christ upon His Church and people. Missionaries and their children were made a special subject of prayer. The exercises increased in interest throuhgout the day. The presentation to the audience of Mrs. Patterson, first President of the Board, was greeted with the Chautauqua salute. The address of Mrs. A. S. Carrier upon "Our Opportunities'' was forceful and comprehensive. Mrs. Touzeau of Colombia described that field, showing the difficulties and compensations. Reports followed from the societies in Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin. While sometimes failing to record positive financial gains, all breathed the spirit of good cheer and devotion. Then occurred a striking episode. Reference had just been made in the Wisconsin report to Miss Candee, who was for years a prominent worker in the State, but had been called from the activities of earth a few weeks before, on Palm Sunday. A deep solemnity pervaded the audience as Mrs. Rhea, by one of those irresistible impulses, which such as she never resist, arose under the branching palms which swept the platform, and said, that to her palm branches were indicative of open gateways, and she seemed to see "invisible hands to-day, of those who have passed on, waving before us the palm branches of victory. They remain our co-workers still, as truly as in the past.'' The spirit of devotion and uplift seemed to take possession of all and was scarcely interrupted by the noontime intermission, but settled back upon the large audience gathered for the closing service.

Mrs. Rhea introduced the candidate missionaries, who in turn responded with texts of Scripture or personal declarations of courage and joy in their contemplated service. Those who have offered themselves are: Miss Marie Chase, of Parker, S. Dakota; Miss Bernice Hunting, of Marshall, Mich.; Miss Bessie McCoy, born in China and now returning; Miss Anna Howe, of Le Roy, Minn. Mrs. Geo. H. Lafflin gave a condensed History of the Board. Strong contrasts came into relief. Contributions the first year amounted to six thousand dollars; this year, to seventy-eight thousand dollars, not counting the Silver Anniversary gifts, which would bring up the offerings well toward the hundred thousand dollar mark. The Committee on Resolutions tendered warm thanks for gracious hospitalities unnumbered received at the hands of the Milwaukee ladies, and pledged increased prayer for our missionaries, and effort for more abounding gifts, of both time and money, during the year which opens the second quarter-century. While Mrs. Forsyth made a closing earnest appeal,* a tender hush rested over the audience, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper was commemorated as a parting service.

The strength and ability of the Board was apparent, in its various representatives who participated in the programme. Mrs. Van Cleve, of Minnesota, seventy-seven years of age, as she sat throughout the meeting, ear trumpet in hand, seemed a silvery touch of subdued light among the more pronounced tints of her temporary settings. Her voice was often heard in the devotional services.

The Silver Anniversary feature was emphasized throughout all the exercises, and materialized the substantial offering of over $16,000. Of the one hundred and ninety-one missionaries sent out by the Board, ninety-nine are now in the field.

Among the social features of the occasion were two pleasant receptions given by Mrs. Vedder on Wednesday evening, and by Mrs. Noyes on Thursday.

Indianapolis, Ind. *K. H. D.*

* To appear later in this magazine.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

ARRIVALS.

April 8.—At Vancouver, Rev. S. F. Curtis and family, from West Japan.
May 4.—At New York, Miss Arbuckle, from Korea. Address, Pueblo, Colorado.
May 6.—At New York, Rev. J. M. Goheen and family, from W. India Mission. Address, Wooster, Ohio.
May 12.—At New York, Rev. J. A. Eakin and family, from Bangkok, Siam. Address, Clintonville, Pa.
May 12.—At New York, Miss Hunter, from Colombia. Address, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

DEPARTURES.

April 16.—From San Francisco, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Judson, returning to Hangchow, China.
April 30.—From New York, Rev. and Mrs. Webster E. Browning, to join the Chili Mission at Santiago.
May 12.—From San Francisco, Rev. and Mrs. David Thompson, returning to Tokyo, Japan.

To the Auxiliaries.

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. of 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 A.M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and the reading of missionary letters, commencing at the same hour.

AMONG the many changes which the years have made in our list of officers, one name has remained unaltered. For twenty-six years Mrs. C. P. Hartt has been the faithful and devoted Treasurer. In that time our funds have grown from their modest beginning to an amount the care of which is a heavy tax upon time and strength, and Mrs. Hartt at last feels compelled to lay aside the burden. Her fellow-laborers in our Board share in her profound regret that this step has become necessary and hope that, as an Honorary Member of the Board, she will still be present whenever her health will permit, at our meetings.

We congratulate ourselves upon securing the consent of Miss Henrietta W. Hubbard to enter at once upon the duties of this important office. Mrs. Halsey L. Wood will continue to be Assist-

ant Treasurer, and we bespeak for them the prompt and hearty co-operation of all our Presbyterial Treasurers. *M. H. B.*

It has been thought advisable not to send any *special* appeal to the societies this season. This is not because of any lessening of need, but from a strong desire to elevate the standard of *regular* giving and to elicit the highest motives. We wish every auxiliary to feel *on its honor* to the Board, and to the Master Himself, to do all that is possible.

We suggest for this year a more thorough use of missionary literature than ever before, and an especial search for information bearing on the needs of the regular pledged work undertaken. In order to attain the grand result for which we hope, it is imperative that every individual member feel her own personal responsibility.

We would record as an occasion for mutual congratulation and thankfulness, the fact that Mrs. E. A. Huntington, the honored president of Cayuga Presbyterial Society, has entered her twenty-fifth year of service in that office. May it be one of crowning joy and brightness to her personally and of prosperity in all the societies over which she has so carefully watched. It is stated that the recent annual meeting of Cayuga Presbyterial Society was one of exceptional interest.

The ladies of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches of New Rochelle joined together to entertain the Westchester Presbyterial Society and most beautifully they did it, with a singularly lavish and refined hospitality which will serve to endear the old Huguenot town to every woman who attended the meetings. Encouraging reports, a soul-stirring address by Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D., of Canton, China, and delightful, talks by Miss Savage, of India, Miss White, of the Women's Executive Committee of Home Missions, and Mrs. A. F. Schauffler, of New York, with a Question Box under charge of Mrs. Wm. Dulles, were the especial features of the programme.

All about the special work for Junior C. E. Societies and Bands—arranged for this year, may be learned from a leaflet prepared by Miss Denny, to be had free of charge on application to Women's Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth avenue, New York.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

CALIFORNIA.

Bethesda.
Calistoga.
Central.
Elmhurst.
Hollywood.
Two Rocks.
Vineland.

NEW YORK.

Angelica.
Atlanta.
Baldwinsville, Young Ladies' Soc.
Binghamton, Immanuel Chapel.
" " " Jr. C.E.
Camillus, "I Will Try" Club.
" Willing Workers.
Chittenango, King's Daughters.
" Willing Workers,
" Junior Society.
Clyde, Jr. C.E.
Cohocton.
Parish, Y P.S.
Skaneateles, White Guards.
Watertown, Hope Chapel.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from April 1, 1896.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

[Thank-offerings are indicated by an (*) asterisk.]

ATHENS.—Amesville, 3, S.C.E., 5; Athens, 14.35, S.C.E., 12.50, S.C.E., Jr., 2.09; Barlow, 8, S.C.E., 50 cts.; Berea, S.S., 1; Beverley, 3.71; Bristol, S.S., 5.75, Mrs. Q. L. Young, 10 51; Cheshire, 2.83; Gallipolis, S.S., 8; Guysville, 8.83, Bd., 82 cts., S.S., 1; Logan, 34.29, S.C.E., 15, S.C.E., Jr., 9; McConnellsville. S.C.E., 2.99, S.S., 2.01; Marietta, 52.14, S.C.E., 30; Middleport, 1.50, S.C.E., 14.50, S.C.E., Jr., 10; Nelsonville, 20, S.C.E., 6; New Matamoras, 25, S.S., 5; New Plymouth, 18.50, S.C.E., 8; Pomeroy, 11.15. S.C.E., 15; S.C.E., Jr., 2.50, S.S., 6.20; Tupper's Plains, 3.50; Warren, 5, S.C.E., 2, $386.97

BELLEFONTAINE.—Belle Centre, 16.90; Bellefontaine, 90, S. C.E., 14 58; Buck Creek, 22; Bucyrus, 25; Crestline, 19.55; De Graff, 13; Forest, 13.68; Gallion, 11.50; Kenton, 57.78, Y.L.C., 3.50, S.C.E., 9.50; Marseilles, 8; Spring Hills, 4; Tiro, 8; Upper Sandusky, 12.85; Urbana, 40; W. Liberty, 7.50, S.C.E., 4; Zanesfield, 5.91, 387.25

BLAIRSVILLE.—Beulah, 6.08; Braddock, 1st., 22.45; Congruity, 2.50; Greensburg, Westm'r, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Harrison City, 13; Latrobe, 51.73; Murraysville, 5; W.M.C., 30, Jessie Porter Bd., 7.50; Turtle Creek, Macedonian B., 27, 170.26

BUTLER.—Allegheny, 7; Amity, 13; Buffalo, 15; Butler, 64.25, Y.W Bd., 17, S.C.E., 40, S.C.E., Jr., (26.50*) 29.80; Centreville, 26.85; Clintonville, Y.L.B., 4, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Concord, 30; Crestview, 10; Grove City, 62.80, S.C.E., 42, S.C.E., Jr., 23; Harlansburg, 18; Harrisville, 17; Martinsburg, 25; Middlesex, 34; Mt. Nebo, 13; Muddy Creek, 25, Morning Star Bd, 2, S.C.E., 10; New Hope, 2, S.S., 10; New Salem, 12; North Butler, 13.40; North Liberty, (4.42*) 18.37, S.S., 3.53, Bd., 10.25; North Washington, 25.23, Bd., 5, S.C.E., 6; Petrolia, 8.50; Pleasant Valley, 11; Portersville, 33 75; Scrub Grass, 16.95; Summit, 14.70; Unionville, 15; Westm'r, 5.50; W. Sunbury, 19.45, Busy Bees, 20, Y.L.B., 6.15; Zelienople, 25.30, S.C.E., 12.38, 828.16

CARLISLE.—Carlisle, 1st, 88.91, S.S., 23.56, Golden Chain Bd., 54.25; Carlisle, 2d, 68.25, Y.L.B., 50, Boys' Bd., 6.30; Chambersburg, Central, 65.18, Y.L.B., 22.95, Sunshine Bd, 13, Inf. Sch., 1.42; Falling Spring, 231.35, Y.L.B., 106.19; Dauphin, 24, Junior Soc., 50; Dickinson, 8, S.C.E., 10, legacy Mrs. E. M. Galbraith, 15; Dillsburg, 12.25; Duncannon, 55.04; Gettysburg, 90; Green Castle, 45.04, Y.L B., 23.20, Lilies of Val., 20; Harrisburg, Calvary, 25; Market Sq., 155.50, Macedonian Bd., 50, John A. Weir Bd., 35, S.S. Senior dep't., 51.76, W. Helpers, 3, Trust Bd., 5; Pine St., 216.53, Syrian Helpers, 50, Mary Campbell Bd., 15, Anything for Jesus, 7.50, Reapers, 6.40, Chambers Bd., 10, S. H. Kantz's Cl., 10, Miss Pollock's Cl., 10. Mrs. Hamilton's Cl, 25, Mrs. Boyd's Cl., 48.56, Y.L B., 126.49, a friend, 50: Westm'r, 31.83, S.S. Senior dep't, 36.17, Inf. cl., 5; Lebanon, Christ Ch, 31.50, S.C.E., 10; Lower Marsh Creek, 14.15; Lower Path Val., 25, Bd., 6.66; McConnellsburg, 18.50; Mechanicsburg, 62.16, Birthday Bd., 6; Mercersburg, 16.08, Y.L.B., 30.17, Thomas Creigh, Bd., 25.27, L.L. Bearers, 3.50; Middle Spring, 24.65; Middletown, 12; New Bloomfield, 9.50, S.C.E., 7.15; Newport, 12.35; Newville, Big Spring, 39.60, Hope Bd., 15; Hopeful Workers, 109.75, Dewdrops, 9, Workers, 36.50; Paxton, 30, Cheerful Givers, 33; Robt. Kennedy Mem'l, 5; St. Thomas, 7.16, Bd., 4.93; Shippensburg, 68.77, Hull Bd., 20, Y.P.B., 30; Steelton, 6.67; Waynesboro, 22.50; "In mem. a sainted mother," 5, 2,815.00

CATAWBA.—Aberdeen, 1; Charlotte, Biddle Univ., 3; Concord, Scotia Sem., 45; Westm'r, W. Workers, 9.40; Monroe, 1, 59.40

CHESTER.—Lansdowne, Y.L.B., 2.50

CHILLICOTHE.—Chillicothe, 1st, Inf. cl., 1.25, S.C.E., Jr., 5, 6.25

CINCINNATI.—Batavia, 2.07*, S.C.E., 5; Bethel, 7.70, W. Workers, 2: Bond Hill, 10; Cincinnati, 1st, 38.44, King's Messengers, 8, Light for Darkness, 65, Golden Circle, 12.75; 2d, 123.25, Y.L.B., 14.50, S.S., 15; 3d, 89.45, S.C.E., 12.88; 4th, 10, Y.L.B., 4; 5th, 17.89, S.S., 16.77. S.C.E., Jr., 2; 6th, 14.30, King's Daughters, 5, Pearl Gatherers, 3, Westm'r League, 10.20; 7th, 131.20. S.S., 50; Avondale, 87.65, S.S., 50; Central, 58.26, S.S., 5; Clifton, 84.50, Bd., 25; Knox, 6; Mohawk, 35.55, Boys' Brigade, 4.58; Mt. Auburn, 197-62, S.S., 30.67, S.C.E., 10.62, Clifford Chapel, 3, S.S., 8; North, 44.05, Thompson Bd.,

38.80, S S., 25; Poplar St., W. Workers, 11.25, Shining Lights, 47.40, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 1; Sabbath Day Aux., 59.50; Walnut Hills, 218, Acorn Bd., 10; Army of Peace, 2.92, Fullerton Bd., 25, Hayward Bd., 10, Humphrey Bd., 50.75, S.S., 50, Primary, 15, Bethany Chapel, S.S., 25; Westm'r, 20; Cleves and Berea, 8.80; College Hill, 64.20, Y.P.B., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 10; Delhi, 43.11, S.S., 17,50, S.C.E., Jr., 12.50; Glendale, 47.85, E. Workers, 20; Harrison, 27.74, S.S., 7.50; Hartwell, 22.20; Lebanon, 61.40, S.C.E., 20; Linwood, 35, Calvary Workers, 12, S.C.E., Jr., 2; Loveland, 32.24; Madeira, 1.58; Madisonville, 8.85; Mason 1.10, S.C.E., 1.40; Montgomery, 25.50, S.C.E., Jr., 84 cts.; Morrow, 35.14; New Richmond, 9.28, Mites, 3.04; Norwood, 16.96; Pleasant Ridge, 27.35, Reading and Lockland, 25.50; Silverton, S C.E., 3; Springdale, 19.35; Venice, 8; Westwood, 22.27, S.C.E., 10; Wyoming, 82.60, W. Workers, 7, Y. L.B., 40; misc. friends, 114.10; collections, 8.96, 2,866.48

Clarion.—Academia, 9.40; Beechwoods, 80.17, Busy Bees, 31.02; Bethesda, 10; Brockwayville, 15.58; Brookville, 110, Y. L.B., 64.32; Callensburg, 34, Y.P.S., 9.55, S.C.E., 7; Clarion, 46.50, S.C.E., 7.20; Concord, 4; Du Bois, 25, Stewart Bd., 25; Edenburg, Mayflower Bd., 3,68, Jr., 1.50, Emlenton, 41.55, Pansy Bd., 5, S.C.E., 6; Greenville, 37.57; Leatherwood, 28; Licking, 26.50; Mt. Tabor, 7.01; New Bethlehem, 5.50, Y.L. B., 45.86; Oil City, 2d, 105, Westm'r Bd., 25; Penfield, 5, Bd., 5.36; Pisgah, 55; Punxutawney, 8.50, A. C. Good Bd., 25; Reynoldsville, 25; Sugar Hill, 33; Tionesta, 52; Troy, 12.27; Wilcox, 7.85, Boys' and Girls' Bd., 5, S.C.E., 10, 1,061.29

Cleveland.—Akron, 25; Ashtabula, 13.85; Cleveland, 1st, 193, Hayden Bd., 50; 2d, 89.40, Handy Bd., 141, James Eells Bd., 80, S.S., 165, Primary, 25; Beckwith, 56.55, S.S., 11.15, S.C.E., 13.58; Bethany. 5.29: Bolton Ave., 17.25; Calvary, 149.95, S.S., 35; Case Ave., 32.56, S.C.E., 16.73; Euclid Ave., 240; Madison Ave., 11; Miles Park, 34, S.C.E., 3; North, 41.80, Youthful Helpers, 16, S.C.E., 35; South, 13.07, S.C.E., 5; Willson ave., 14.19, S.C.E., Jr., 6.50, S.C.E., 21.50, S.S., 9.78; Woodland Ave., 203 20, S. Adams Bd., 30; East Cleveland, 57.91, S.S., 28.10, S.C.E., 11.09; Guilford, 15; Northfield, 2.95; N. Springfield, 7; Painesville, L.E. Sem., 30; Parma, 7.50, Gleaners, 4; Rome, 5.79; South New Lyme, 13; Streetsboro, 5.26; Willoughby, 13.85, 2,005.80

Columbus.—Central College, (4*), 25; Circleville, 32.61; Columbus, 1st, (16.35*) 41.35, Delia Loving Bd., 30; 2d, (75.35*) 119.50, Y.L.B., 40, Y.L.C., 15, Moore Bd., 6.50, Primary, 20; Broad St., (61.10*) 167.30, a friend, 5, S.S., 32.50, S.C.E., 50, S.C.E., Jr., 7; Olivet, 3.57; Westm'r, (55.05*) 94.60, Y.L.B., 50; W. Workers, 27, Little Helpers, 19; Lancaster, 40; Lithopolis, 6.50; London, 28.58, Mrs. Finley, 15, Boys' Bd., 4 S.C. E., 5; Lower Liberty, 28.45, Shining Stars, 2.50; Mifflin, 10.35, Mary Clark Bd., 2.50; Mt. Stirling, (12*) 21.65; Rush Creek, 22; Scioto, 6.61; Westerville, 25.25, Bushnell Bd., 9; Worthington, 22.60, 1,050.62

Dayton.—Dayton, 3d St., 193.50; mem'l, Y.L.B., 45, S.S., 5.23, L.L. Bearers, 2.50; Riverside, 6; Wayne Ave., S.C.E., 8.62; Hamilton, Westm'r, 30; Oxford, 17.25, Howard Bd., 42.78; Piqua, Alpha Bd., 4, S.S., 27.55; Springfield, 1st, 180.50, S.S., 25, Jesus' Lambs, 32, S.C.E., Jr. 50 cts.; 2d, 96, Y.W.Bd., 46.94; W. Carrolltown, S. C.E., Jr., 5; Xenia, 64.95, Conversazione, 16.88, S.S., 38.61, 888.81

Elizabeth.—Basking Ridge, 45, Gleaners, 70.75, S.C.E., Jr., 5, Bethlehem, 37; Clinton, 25, Sewing Soc., 30, Boys' Bd., 10, Star Bd., 5; Connecticut Farms, 25; Cranford, 20.62; Dunellen, 2.18; Elizabeth, Ass'n, 471.47; 1st Ch., M. Morrison Bd., 105, a family, 60, King's Children, 16.33; 2d Ch., Light Bearers, 126, S.C.E., Jr., 5; 3d Ch., Y.L.C., 70, Mission S.S., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 3; Westm'r Bd., 485, King's Children, 20; Greystone (Marshall St.) Ch. Givers, 55, Y.P.S., 50; Madison Ave., Y.L.B., 13.57; Lamington, 24.26; Metuchen, 29, Gleaners, 10, S.S., 16; Perth Amboy, 38.59; Plainfield, Ass'n, 248.83, a lady, 100, Y.L.B., 121; Crescent Ave., Sunshine Bd., 80, Warren Chapel, 5; 1st Ch, King's Messengers, 8.36; Pluckamin, 50.01, Crescent Bd., 28.09; Rahway, 1st, 30.59, Sharon Bd., 50; 2d, 73.18, Harvest Bd., 38; Roselle, (29*) 56.28, S.S., 118.69, L.L. Bearers, 9.25, S.C.E., 15; Springfield, 31; Westfield, 44, S.C.E., Jr., 2.50; Woodbridge, 32.55, 3,0.2.09

Erie.—Belle Valley, 15; Bradford, 150, Silver Links, 25, Busy Workers, 5; Cambridge, 25.85, Y.L.B., 25; Cochranton, 17, S.C.E., 5; Conneautville, 15.45, Y.L.B., 8 97, S.C.E., 14; Corry, 24.25, S.C E., 6, S.C.E., Jr., 2; East Greene, 3.88; Edinboro, 12.85, King's Builders, 3, Erie, 1st., 219.46, L.L. Bearers, 3.75, S.S., 20; Central, 192.65; Chestnut St., 24.25, Y.L.B., 24.25; Park, 193.44, S.C.E., 10; Fairview, 15.52; Franklin, 187.43, Y.L.B., 66.27, Jewels, 8.71, Olive Br., 14.70, S.S., 46.72, S.C.E., Wei Hien, 27.25; Fredonia, 1.22; Garland, 8.73; Georgetown, 1.50; Girard, S.C.E., 3.60; Gravel Run, 4.85; Greenville, 124.57, Star of Hope, 10; Hadley, 13.02, S.C.E., 6; Harbor Creek, 4.85; Harmonsburg, 3.88; Jamestown, 23.76; Kerr Hill, 58.20; Meadville, 1st, 16.73, Y.L.B., 25, Kate Reynolds Bd., 5, Cl. No. 6, 5; Meadville, Cent'l, 49.65, Y.P.B., 10; Mercer, 1st. 18.43, Y.L.B., 25; Mercer, 2d, 97.18, Y.P.B., 44.40, Bd., 14.50, L.L.B., 3; Mill Village, 9.06; Mt. Pleasant, 20.22; New Lebanon, 9.70; North East, 150.42, Y.P.B., 85, Bd., 15.30, S.S., 20, L.L.B., 4, S.C.E., Jr., 15; Oil City, 1st, 111.48, Y.L. B., 50, S.S., 5.80, S.C.E., Jr., Pleasantville, 5.50, Bartlett Bd., 5, Laurel Bd., 5.25, Little Workers, 8.25; Salem, 10.67; Sandy Lake, 12.61; Springfield, 15.52: Stoneboro'. 13.58, W. Workers, 2; Sugar Creek, 21.09; Sunville, 6.79; Tidioute, 63.05; Titusville, 575, Y.L.B., 225, Miss. Sch., 8, Inf. dept. 3.52, Helpers, 6.57; Union City, 30; Utica, 27.04; Warren, Y.L B., 155.20; Waterford, 29.10; Waterloo, 2.62; Wattsburg, 8.73, S.C.E., 2.15, S.C. E., Jr., 3.12, 3,798.23

Fairfield,—Carmel, 70

Holston.—Asheville, Oakland Heights, 17, Normal Inst., 6, Home Indust., Sch., 4.05, Fancy Work Club, 13.25, Farm Sch., 3: College Hill, 7; Elizabethton, 7; Reems Creek, 8.07; Salem, S.C.E., 8.07 Hacher E., 5.25, 89.12

Huron.—Bloomville, 9.70; Clyde, 2.67; Chicago, 11.64; Fostoria, 11.45, S.C.E., Jr., 9.70; Fremont, 41.73, Prim. Sch., 97 cts., L.L.B., 25 cts.; Huron, 15, S.C.E., 2.96; Milan, 4.85; Monreville, 97 cts.; Norwalk, 32.54, S.S., 4.15; Peru, 4.85; Republic, 4.85; Olena, 14.99; Sandusky, 8.57, S.C.E., 8.46, S.S. Soldiers' Home, 4.85; Tiffin, 22.18, S.S., 3.88, S.C.E., Jr., 1.93, 223.14

Jersey City.—Garfield, S.C.E., Jr., 2; Hackensack, 10; Hoboken, 1st, 75, Wood Violets, 20; Jersey City, 1st, 90, Advance Bd., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 10.59; 2d Ch., 46, L.L.B., 3, S.C.E., Jr. 50 cts.: Scotch, 15; Westm'r 10, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Newfoundland, 9.15: Passaic, 1st, (28*) 101, Pansies, 78.40, L.L.B., 2.50; Paterson, 1st, 50, Y.W.B., 47.86; Paterson, 3d, Increase Bd., 1.42; East Side, 9; Redeemer, 192.42, Ch. Workers, 12.50; Westm'r, 20, Girls' Bd., 2; Rutherford, 70.26, Y.L.B., 37.94; Tenafly, 22.50, Y.L.B, 5.75, Little Helpers, 4; W. Hoboken, Workers, 103; W. Milford, 36, Bd., 30; Pres. meeting, 30*, 1,157.79

Kingston.—Harriman, 4.00

Kittanning.—Apollo, 26.19, Hopeful Bd., 3.35, Faithful Workers, 2.96, V. Jack Bd., 5; Bethel, 21, S.C.E., 2.17; Black Lick, 3.20; Centre, 2; Currie's Run, 19; Clarksburg, 20; E. Union, 2.25; Ebenezer, 30; Elder's Ridge, 23.65, Donaldson Bd., 6.39, S.C.E., 20; Elderton, 19.35; Freeport, 41.68; Glade Run, 10; Harmony, 17; Homer City, S.C.E., 10; Indiana, 13, L.L.B., 2.75; Jacksonville, 18, S.S., 42; Kittanning, 1st, 200; Marion, 5.13, S.C.E., 8.30; Parker City, S.C.E., 35; Rural Valley, 13; Saltsburg, 60; Slate Lick, 33.60; Tunnelton, 10; Washington, 21.25; W. Glade Run, 25; Worthington, 10.55, 782.77

Lackawanna.—Ashley, 40, King's Messengers, 15.28; Athens, 12.50, S.S., 5; Canton, 15; Carbondale, 1st, 126.21; Dunmore, 70, Y.L.B., 60: E. Canton, 6; Franklin, 11; Great Bend, 25; Harmony, 12.50, Bd., 7.50; Hawley, 13, Mountain Daisies, 4.50; Honesdale, 40.10, Mizpah Bd., 12.50, Busy Bees, 5, In-His-Name Bd., 5, Titus Bd., 5, S.C.E., 5; Kingston, 75.30, Paul Bd., 5; Langcliffe, 37.50, S.C.E., Jr., 50, Livingstone Bd., 50.28; Little Meadows, 10; Monroeton, 14, De Heer Bd., 4.80; Montrose, 100, Ch. Workers, 10, S.C.E., 3; Moosic, 38, S.C.E, Jr., 19; Nanticoke, 8.40; N. Milford, 6.50; Pittston, 1st, 47.64, Parke Bd., 86.65, Bethel, 25, Lakawn, 6.85, Cl. No. 20, 6; Plymouth, 24.05, Morning Sun Bd., 4.75; Rome, 3.25; Scranton, 1st, 115, Juvenile Ass'n, 50, Lucy Logan Bd., 5; 2d Ch., 300, Boys' Bd., 50; Green Ridge, 27.70, In-His-Name Bd., 8; Providence, 16.50, Guild Bd., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Washburn, 20, B. Lamont Bd., 38.75, S.C.E., Jr., 3.50; Shickshinny, 18, S.S., 20.50, Anna Morton Bd., 25, S.C.E., 30; Stella, 30; Stevensville, 6.42; Susquehanna, 13.50; Towanda, 50, Overton Bd., 15, S.C.E., 27.70, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Troy, 20, Birthday Bd., 6 25; Tunkhannock, 58.65; West Pittston, 83.02, Y.P.B., 35.50, W. Workers, 5, Livingstone Bd., 10, Slocum Chapel, 30; Wilkes-Barre, 1st, 185, Mrs. Loop's Bd., 25, Y.W.B., 75; Mem'l, 114, Whosoever Will Bd., 9, Circle, 22.95, S.C.E., Jr., 4; Wyalusing, 1st., 15; Wyalusing, 2d, 25; Wyoming, 34, King's Daughters, 6, Sarah Henry Bd., 6.65, 2,792.65

Lehigh—Allentown, 25.60, Loring Circle, 24, Helpers, 20, L.L.B., 1.75; Audenreid, 2.66, S.C.E., 10.43; Bethlehem, 23.10, Musgrave Bd., 20, Wide Awake, 10, L.L.B., 3; Catasauqua, 1st, 40, Busy Bees, 5; Bridge St., Bd., 68; Del. Water Gap, 47; Easton, 1st, (40.17*), 75.17, Y.L.B., 27.50, Loring Bd.; 20, McIntire Bd., 10; Brainerd, 182.25, Isabella Nassau Bd., 78.71, Helen Knox Bd., 21, S.C.E., 21.60; Hazleton, 105.20, S.S., 50, Wild Daisy Bd., 3.75, S.C.E., 6, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Hokendauqua, 4, Ch. Workers, 5; Lock Ridge, 14; Mahanoy City, 31; Mauch Chunk, 131.30, Miss Leonard, 40, Webster Circle, 24, Little Workers, 16, Ferrier Bd., 3, L.L.B., 7, S.C.E., 10; Middle Smithfield, 20; Port Carbon, 11; Pottsville, 1st, 40; 2d, (11.87*), 23.05; Reading, 1st, 20.75, Sparkling Gems, 20; Reading Olivet, Aftermath Bd., (20.80*), 61.80, Olive Br., 15, S S., 11.21; Shawnee, 26, Sunrise Bd., 4.15; S. Bethlehem, 15, Primary Sch., 2.75; Stroudsburg, 27.95, Y.P. Guild, 25, Reapers, 13; Summit Hill, 16; Tamaqua, Mayflower Bd., 13.85; Upper Lehigh, 34, 1,592.83

Lima.—Ada, 11.10; Blanchard, 33.50; Bluffton, 4; Delphos, 38.98, S.S., 18.36, S.C.E., 2.05; Enon Val., 15.62: Findlay, 1st, 90.45, S.S., 10.20, Y.L.B., 12; Findlay, 2d. 10; Leipsic, 5.90; Lima, 1st, 55; McComb, 3; New Stark, 8.79; Ottawa, 19.46; Rockford, 10; St. Mary's, 31.15; Sidney, 75; Van Buren, 8.20; Van Wert, 30.90, S.S., 38.60; Wapakoneta, 10, 542.26

McClelland.—Immanuel, 80 cts.; Mt. Zion, 1, 1.80

Mahoning.—Alliance, 39.05, W. Workers, 24, Canfield, 25; Canton, 43.41, Gleaners, 6; Canton, Calvary, 70, S.C.E., 15; Champion, 9.50; Clarkson, 14.20: Ellsworth, 14; Hubbard, 20, S.C.E., 30; Kinsman, 15, Y.L.B., 10.45; Lowell, S.C.E., 1; Lisbon, 50.75 Massillon, 20; Middle Sandy, 7.75; Mineral Ridge, 10, S C.E., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 5; North Benton, 25; North Jackson, 10; Poland, 14.54, Y.L.B., 50, Ch. Workers, 5.30; Salem, 59.68, S.C.E., 27.75, S.C.E., Jr.; 5.50; Vienna, S.C.E., 50.

cts.; Warren, 25, King's Daughters, 5; Youngstown, 1st, 65.41, S.S., 25, S.C.E., 10; Westm'r, 19.43; Interest, 64 cts., 783.86

MARION.—Ashley, 10; Berlin, 11; Brown, 10; Cardington, 10; Chesterville, 10, Gleaners, 3.12, S.C.E., 2.60; Delaware, 1.47, Y.B.S., 30, Gleaners, 26; Delhi, 10; Iberia, 13.44, Jerome, 25.42, Bd., 3.20; Liberty, 31; Marion, 84.62, S.C.E., 2; Marysville, 55; Milford Centre, 16; Mt. Gilead, 15, S.C.E., 2.65; Ostrander, 9; Prospect, 8; Radnor & Thompson, 9; Richwood, 7; Trenton, 18, Rays of Light, 6, S.C.E., 10; W. Berlin, 17; York, 4.25, 606.30

MAUMEE.—Antwerp, 14.96; Bowling Green, 68.60; Bryan, 13.10; Defiance, 1st, 49.75; Delta, 12; Edgerton, 6.88; Fayette, 1.70; Grand Rapids, 7.73; Maumee, 4.41; Mt. Salem, 2.94; Montpelier, 4.90; Napoleon, 5.88; New Rochester, 4.70; Paulding, 12.11; Perrysburg, 1st, 9; Perrysburg, Walnut St., 4.90; Toledo, 1st, 7.64; 3d, 4.50, W. Workers, 13.72, Chi Dee Bd., 5.15; 5th, 4.90; Collingwood ave., 61.05, Light Bearers, 27.65, Inasmuch, 3.85; Westm'r, 42.55, S.S., 10; Tontogany, 8.82; W. Bethesda, 3.70; Weston, 15.15; West Unity, 39.75, 471.99

MONMOUTH.—Allentown, 96; Barnegat, 26; Beverly, (32*), 57; Bordentown, 53.50; Burlington, (7.80*), 96.40, V. R. Hodge Bd., 33.50, Busy Bees, 45.85, Legacy Miss Mary C. Taylor, 500; Columbus, 6.76; Cranbury, 1st, 98, S.C.E., 30.40; Cranbury, 2d, 122.69, Bible Cl., 7.10, S.S., 25, Inf. Cl., 5, S.C.E., 10, Willing Helpers, 41.50; Cream Ridge, 11; Delanco, 7.50; Freehold, 250.99, King's Helpers, 30; Hightstown, 40; Amaranth Bd., 40, Reapers, 17; Jacksonville, 5; Jamesburg, 50, S.S., 60; Lakewood, 86.06; Long Branch, 115; Manalapan, 25; Matawan, 51.38, Glenwood Bd, 70, W. Workers, 33, S.C.E., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 1; Moorestown, 55; Mt. Holly, 53, Oceanic Bd., 91; Perrinville, 12.95; Plattsburg, S.S., 4.75; Plumstead, 19; Point Pleasant, 10; Riverton, E.Workers, 15, W. Palmyra S.S., 3.50; Shrewsbury, 1.41, Eatontown Bd., 30; Tennent, 55.50, Immortelle Bd., 22, 2,671.34

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Boonton, 48, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Chatham, 60; E. Orange, 1st, 135, Y.L.B., 100, W. Workers, 40, S.S., 50; E. Orange, Arlington Ave., 68.75; Bethel, Y.L.B., 25; German Val., 25, W. Workers, 3, S.C.E., 15; Hanover, 95.97, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 1; Madison, 80.70, Y.L.B. 105.11; Mendham, 1st, 40.79, S.S., 8.21; N. Providence, 53.50, Bd., 3.50, S.S., 35.15; New Vernon, W. Workers, 71.79; Orange, 1st, 3.75, S.C.E., Jr., 5; 2d (Brick), 210.54, Y.L.B., 25.20, H. & H. Bd., 31.44; Central, 291.11, H. & H. Bd. 10; Hillside, 124 60, Young Missionaries, 25; Parsippany, 26; Rockaway, 43.25; St. Cloud, 10.04; Schooley's Mountain, 28, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 2; S. Orange, Trinity, 50; Succasunna, 15; Summit, 61.09, Y.L.B., 10; Whippany, 4.25; Wyoming, 12.65; Pres. Soc., 20; Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, 5, 2,475.64

NEWARK.—Bloomfield, Westm'r, 112.50, Paull Bd., 25, Sheldon Bd, 10, Westm'r Bd., 55, Junior Bd., 30; Caldwell, 113.75; Lyons Farms, 50, Twinkling Stars, 25; Montclair, 1st, 45, Y.L.B., 18, Sunbeams, 35; Grace, S.C.E., Jr., 10; Trinity, 50; Newark, 1st, S.C.E., 50; 2d, 400, Snowbird Bd., 13.57; 6th; S.S., 45; Bethany, 25, B. & E. Pierson, 15, S.S., 30; Central, 8; Fewsmith, Forgetmenot Bd., 13, S.C.E., Jr., 23; 5th Ave, 50; High St., 101.13, F. Meeker Bd., 15; Park, 175, S.C.E., Jr., 1.25; Roseville, 182, Heralds, 65; S. Park, 191.49; Wickiffe, 61; Roseland, 60, 2,103.69

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Alexanderville, 7; Amwell, 1st, 45.25; Amwell United, 1st, 19; Amwell, 2d, 15; Bound Brook, 30; Copper Hill, Kuhl Bd, 21; Dayton, 13.36; Ewing, 48, Bd, 30; Flemington, 46.49, Gleaners, 60, Hill Bd., 13; Frenchtown, 58.50; Hamilton Sq., 13; Holland, 10; Hopewell, Bd., 4; Kingston, 22, Bd., 2; Kingwood, 6.60; Lambertville, 190.54, Ogilvie Bd., 11.53, S.S., 52; Lawrenceville, 100, Gosman Bd, 32; Milford, 30; N. Brunswick, 1st, 65, S.C.E., Jr., 10.44; Pennington, 67.22, Anna Foster Bd., 42, S.C.E., 16; Princeton, 1st, 230, Y.W.B., 110.67; Ringoes, Kent Bd., 9.25; Stockton, 20.10; Titusville, 10 50, C. P. Willing, 22 Trenton, 1st, 125; 2d Ch., Willing Workers, 33; 3d, 143.75, S.S., 40, Inf. Sch., 30, Beatty Bd. and S.C.E., Jr., 40; 4th, 205: Y.L.B., 10, Inf. Sch., 25; 5th, 22, Y.L.B., 19; Bethany, 20.42; Prospect St., 153.65, S.C.E., Jr., 40, 2,392.27

[The balance of receipts for April will appear in the July number of WOMAN'S WORK.]

Total for April, 1896,	$61,954.24
Total for year,	$140,945.56

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to April 20, 1896.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Offerings will be indicated by an (*) asterisk.

ABERDEEN.—Aberdeen, 25, Bd., 15, C.E., 5; Britton, 9.55, C.E., 11.50; Groton, 50, $96.05

ALTON.—Alton, 60.60*

BISMARCK.—Mandan, 7.25

BLACK HILLS.—Rapid City, 10.15

BLOOMINGTON.—Bement, Sunbeams, 9.70; Bloomington, 50; Champaign, C.E., 30; Cooksville, 7.35, S.S., 4.84; Danville, 85, Jr. C.E., 5.35; El Paso, C.E., 1.15*; Gibson, 66.25, S.S., 8.30, C.E., 5; Heyworth, 25; Minonk, S.S., 20, Baby Bd., 1.25; Monticello, 16.35; Onarga, S.S., 8; Paxton, 4; Pontiac, 20; Prairie View, 4; Urbana, 13.75; Wenona, 6.75, 392.04

BOISE.—Bellevue, Buds of Promise, 1.50

BOULDER.—Berthoud, 18.87, Bd., 57 cts.; Boulder, 40; Cheyenne, 6; Fossil Creek, 8; Ft. Collins, C.E., 33; Ft. Morgan, 10, (10*); Greeley, 20; Laramie, 26; Longmont, 14, (9*); Timnath, 3.75. 199.19

BOX BUTTE.—Crawford, Union Star Ch., 1.20

CAIRO.—Anna, 20; Cairo, 22.35, C.E., 15.50; Carmi, 28.46; Cobden, 10; Du Quoin, 23.10; Fairfield, 8.40; Flora, 1.20; Linn, Wabash Ch., C.E., 1.50; Murphysboro, C.E., 2; Shawneetown, C.E., 10; Carterville, Mrs. Wm. S. Wilson, 2.50, 145.01

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Anamosa, 3, (12*); Atkins, 10; Bellevue, C.E., 4.75; Blairstown, 25.70, (5*); Y. L. S. 4.22, (5.22*), C. E., 8.72, S.S., 9.97; Cedar Rapids, 1st, 216.70, (33.51*), Holmes Bd., 17.46, S.S., 74.61, C.E., 10; 2d, 40, (19*); 3d, 4.35, (8.50*); 4th, C.E., 2; Central Park Ch., 19.25; Clinton, 182.19, (43.47*), Jr. C.E., 5; Clarence, 13, (18*); Centre Junction, 5.63, (2.52*); Garrison, 17.46, C.E., 30; Lyons, 2, (5*); Marion, 46.85, (14.50*); Mechanicsville, 25, Jr. C.E., 3, S.S., 8; Monticello, 13.86*; Mt. Vernon, 25, (5*), Bethany Bd., 1 16; C.E., 5.45; Onslow, 8.05; Scotch Grove, 5.75*; Springville, 12.50; Vinton, 200, (30.62*), C.E., 5, S.S., 25.12; Wyoming, 18.55, (20*), Jr. C.E. 3, 1,334.64

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Artesian, 1.25; Huron, 35.05. 36.30

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, 15; Austin, 28, Mrs. E. D. Middleton, 5; Berwyn, 5; Chicago, Mrs. J. B. Cherry, 1; 1st, 71.25, (500*); South Side Tabernacle, 2.65; 2d, 493.01; Moseley, S.S., 30; 3d. 200, Seed Sowers, 65, Y.P.S., 100, Y.W.S., 137.43; 4th, 110.75, Pr. off., 291.82, (170*), Jr. C.E., 10.90; Christ Chapel Sewing Sch., 15.82; 5th, 4; 6th, 98.41, C.E., 35, S.S., 18; 8th, 20, C.E., 30; 41st St. Ch., 29.25; Bethlehem Chapel, 2.03, C.E., 2.50, Pr. off., 1.03; 9th, C.E., 5; 10th, 20; Bethany Ch., C. E., 10; Brookline Park, 4.60*; Ch. of Covenant, 8.97; Englewood, 1st, 51, S.S., 50; Hyde Park, 39.10, Y.P.S., 10; Jefferson Park Ch., 39.31, C.E., 39.95; Lake View, 4 30, (106.04*), C.E., 25, Jr. C.E., 20; Normal Park, 19.42; South Park Ch., 8.55; South Chicago, Jr. C.E., 3.75; Coal City, 7.37, Bd. and Jr. C.E., 3; East Wheatland, 10; Evanston, 1st, 22.28, Th. off., 93.52, C.E., 7.50; S. Evanston, 15*, Highland Pk., 6; Hinsdale, Mrs. E. C. Linsley, 1; Joliet, Central Ch., 116.65; 1st, 19.91; Kankakee, 51.47; Lake Forest, 200, Mrs. C.'s mite box, 63 cts., Y.P.S., 5.36, Ferry Hall Soc., 32.50; Manteus, 30, C.E., 25; Oak Park, 25; River Forest, 41.01, (8*), Jr. C.E., 1, Waukegan, 5, C. E., 11.64; Wilmington, Mrs. J. S. White, 5; L.B. C., 10, (1.60*); Dr. Marshall's mite box, 4.02, 3,717.30

CHIPPEWA.—Baldwin, 3; Chippewa Falls, 2.50; Eau Claire, 3.48 (23*); Hudson, 26.08, Willing Workers, 5.43, Boys' Bd., 1.16; Superior, 3, W. Superior, 2.76, Y.L.S. 5*; Hammond Av. Ch., 5*, 80.41

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Bedford, 24.95, C.E., 5; Clarinda, 11.75, Pilgrim Bd., 7. C.E., 5; Corning, 11.47; Creston, 13 (5*); Emerson, 4.75; Essex, 20, (1.25*), S.S., 1.75*, C.E., 2; Diagonal, 6.70; Lenox, 2.91, (10*); Malvern, 10.40, S.S., 6.81; Mt. Ayr, 3, (3*); Platte Center, 4; Red Oak, 3.60, C.E., 2 38; Sidney, 12; Shenandoah, 16.50, S.S., 11.06, C.E., 1.65; Villisca, 5*, C.E., 2*; Yorktown, 1.25*, 215.18

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Audubon, 5.12; Carson, 11.45; Casey, 4; C.E., 25 cts.; Council Bluffs, 2d, 1; Griswold, 18.50; Greenfield, 5, C.E., 2.50; Guthrie Center, 15.14; Hardin Tp., 6.09; Menlo, 17; Missouri Valley, 12.99, Jr. C.E., 1.50, C.E., 1.50; Neola, 4.60; Shelby, 2.86; Walnut, 8; Woodbine, 9.50, C.E., 2.53, Jr. C.E., 23 cts., Council Bluffs, 14.36, 144.12

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 18.10, (25*); King's Sons and Daughters. 18.80; Bethany, 20, C.E., 2.50; Bethel, 2.70, C.E., 7.60; Beulah, 19; Clinton, 9.53, Willing Workers, 2.50; Crawfordsville, 1st, 8, (2.78*); Centre Ch., 71, S.S. 65, C.E., 5, Y.L.S., 1.50; Dana, 15; Darlington, 5, (5*); Dayton, 21, (15*), Miss Millie Peters, 20, Mrs. E. H. Crouse, 20, S.S., 60; Delphi. 39.44, Pr. off., 7.30, (18.20*), S.S., 5, 72, C.E., 2.85*, Miss Ricketts and Miss Cory, 20, Mrs. C. J. Bowen, 50; Earl Park, 4; Frankfort, 97.44, C.E., 16.51; Judson, 17.50, (2*); Lafayette, 1st, 31*, S.S., 13.35; 2d, 68, (41.15*), C.E., 20; N. Lexington, 1.50*; S. Lexington, C.E., 3; Lebanon, 14, (3*), Y.L.S., 2.65; Ladoga, 1.80; Newtown, 15, Buds of Promise, 8.39; Oxford, 2.90; Rockville, 31, (10*), S.S., 7.19, C.E., 5; Rockfield, 8; Romney, 45; Spring Grove, 3.40; Thorntown, 38.15, (15.55*), Brier Bd., 7.30, C.E., 3.68; Veedersburg, 5.40; Waveland, 16.25, Mispah Bd., 10; Williamsport, C.E., 5, 1,157.63

DENVER.—Athens, 1, (10*); Denver, Central Ch., 207.47, Y.W. Guild, Clara Keeler Mem'l, 50; 1st Av. Ch., 21.40, Y.L.S., 10, S.S.B., 4.68; 23d av. Ch., 35, John Dove and family, 6.25, Silver Cross Bd., 8, Midway Club, 12.50; Highland Pk., 2.50; Hyde Pk., 90 cts.; North Denver, 11.75, C.E., 2.74; Westm'r Ch., 24.05; Idaho, S.S., 8.65; Littleton, 7.31, S.S., 38; Otis. 2, 426.61

Des Moines.—Adel, 17.20; Albia, 5, Pr. off., 1, S.S., 4.85, Bd., 2.50; Allerton, 5.33, C.E., 1; Chariton, 12.50, (7.86*); Centerville, 4.66, Chain Circle, 15.80; Dallas Center, 9, Personal, 5, C.E., 4.88; Des Moines, Central Ch., 50, (15.64*), C.E., 42.50, S.S., 33.95; 6th, 9.25, C.E., 10; Clifton Heights Ch., 5; Westm'r Ch., 4.70, (5.60*); Highland Pk. Ch., 5, Pr. off., 6.70, (15*); Dexter, S.S., 1.48, C.E., 4.85; E. Des Moines, 18.75, (7.50*), S.S., 10, (6.07*); Garden Grove, 5.58; Humeston, 2.91; Indianola, 27.25, C.E., 4.85; Jay, 4.85; Knoxville, 11.50, C.E., 3.88; Leon, 13; Milo, 8, Jr. C.E., 3; New Sharon, 4.70; Newton, 5.40; Osceola, 4.65; Oskaloosa. 10.57, (11.70*) Bd., 3.60; Panora, 5, Perry, 2.35, (4.16*); Russell, 15.80, C.E., 5, Jr., C.E., 5, S.S., 3.88; Winterset, 41.25, (1.46*), Pansy Bd., 2, June Bd., 13.71, 587.37

Detroit.—Ann Arbor, 52.40, S.S., 10.80, Y.L.S., 10, Jr. C. E., 12; Brighton, 1.50; Detroit, Bethany Ch., 4; Calvary Ch., Information Guild, 20, 16, Cheerful Givers, 6.86, C.E., 30; Ch. of the Covenant, C.E., 10, Cheerful Laborers, 12; Fort St. Ch., Opportunity Circle, 75; Immanuel Ch., 9.80; 1st, 25, Richardson Bd., 79, Y.P.S., 25; Forest Av. Ch., 15.38; Westm'r League, Sr., 11.25, Jr. 5; Jefferson Av. Ch., 62 86; Mem'l Ch., 17.47, Y.L.S., 16.55, Cheerful Laborers, 16.64, C.E., 7.50, S.S., 4.57; Second Av. Ch., 9.40; Trumbull Av. Ch., 28.43, Grand River Av. Mission, 6.88; Westm'r Ch., 81.42; E. Nankin Ch., 5, (1*); Holly, 5; Howell, C.E., 35; Milan, 2.91; Mt. Clemens, 30, (10*), C.E., 2, Jr. C.E., 2.10; Milford, 100.33, (18.60*), Y.L.S., 40, United Bds., 23.52, Northville, 21, (2.10*); Pontiac, 27.79, Y.L.S., 36, S.D. Circle, 17.65, C.E., 21.07; Ypsilanti, 102, Y.P.M., 60.53, The Gleaners. 2.10; Creek, Y.P.M., 21.04; Wyandotte, 22.50, 1,276.11

Dubuque.—Dubuque, 1st, 3.69, (2.25*); 2d, 45.05, C.E., 3; Coggon, 1.73; Cone Center, C.E., 1; French Creek. Mt. Hope Ch., 2.50; Frankville, C.E., 1; Hazleton. 3*; Hopkinton, 23.71, Jr. C.E., 4.52, C.E., 7.42; Independence, 26.33, C.E., 25; Jesup, C.E., 10; Lansing, 20; Manchester, 2.58, (4.75*), Jr. C.E., 1.50; Oelwein, 4.85; Winthrop, Pine Creek Ch., 17.80; W. Union, 5, 216.68

Duluth.—Brainerd, 9.25, Mission Chain, 5; Duluth, 1st, 80.07, (20.40*); 2d, 33.46, Brigade, 7.61; Glen Avon, 59.57, C.E., 8.55; Hinckley, 2.10; Grand Rapids, 1.69; Lakeside, 24.22; Sandstone, 1 50; Two Harbors, 30; W. Duluth, Westm'r Ch., 4.06, Willing Workers, 25, 318.48

Fargo.—Eckelson, Mrs. T. B. Young, 50 cts.; Casselton, 25; Fargo, 10; Lisbon, 3; Jamestown, 4.18; LaMoure, 8.25, 50.93

Flint.—Caro, 25, (5.74*), C.E., 35, Jr. C. E., 10; Corunna, F. O. T. H., 5; Fenton, 5; Flint, 26.63, C.E., 5; Lapeer, 51, (5*), S.S., 50; Marlette, 1st, 3.72, C.E., 7.35, 2d, 4.95; Port Huron, 3; Vassar, 16, 258.39

Ft. Wayne.—Auburn, 6.50, C.E., 6.50; Bluffton, H. Grove C.E., 5.75; Elkhart, 70; Ft. Wayne, 1st, 62.95, S.S., 25, Mrs. D. B. Wells' Cl., 25; Westm'r Ch., 39.88. C.E., 30; 3d, 52.90, (14*), C.E., 5; Goshen, 33.67, (12.70*), Y.L.S., 70; S.S. 25; Huntington, 24.27, (11.35*); Kendallville, 6.33, C.E., 5, S.S., 2.40; La Grange, 11.40; Lima, 22.65, S.S., 6; Ligonier, 4; Ossian, Elhanan Ch., 10, (14.36*); Pierceton, 2.50; Warsaw, 1*; Waterloo, 4, 610.11

Freeport.—Dakota, Rock Run Ch., 10.20; Freeport, 2d. C.E., 5; Marengo, 21.60; Polo, 10.85; Warren, 4.80, (3 40*); (less 8.87 credited to Argyle in August, since returned), 55.85

Great Falls.—Havre, 95 cts.; Great Falls, 7, 7.95

Gunnison.—Delta, 1.50; Gunnison, 5; Lake City, 3; Ouray, 3, 12.50

Helena.—Bozeman, 14.50; Helena, 9.55, 24.05

Indianapolis.—Bloomington, 14.70, (2.60*); Brazil, 2, (11.20*); Columbus, 19.22; Franklin, 37.50, C.E. Jr., 10; Greencastle, 16*; Greenwood, 25; Hopewell, 27.80, (30.40*); Indianapolis, 1st, 115 92, (31*), S.S., 46.71*, Sunshine Bd., 12*; 2d, 125, King's Daughters, 15, Y.W.S., 6; 4th, 23.50, (14.70*), Pickett Soc., 27.49, (2.90*), Stella Bd., 14, (2.60*), 6th, 18.34, (35*); 7th, 16.55*; Annabetta Wishard Soc., 19; Mem'l Ch., 63 25, (11.25*), C. E., 15; Tabernacle Ch., 259.26, Mary Fulton Soc., 12.65; E. Washington St. Chapel, 11.84, (10.08*); Spencer, 4, (11*): Southport, 28.75, (1.25*), Busy Bees, 25.25; Whiteland, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Ditmars, 4, 1,179.71

Iowa. Bloomfield, 10.75, C.E., 5; Burlington, 70, C.E., 5, King's Children, 48; Cairo, 5; Fairfield, 60, The Gleaners, 31; Ft. Madison, 36, S.S. 31; Kossuth, 7.50, C.E., 12 70; Keokuk, 20, Light Bearers, 2.41; Libertyville, 1.20; Martinsburgh, 3.30; Mediapolis, 7; Middletown, 10; Morning Sun, 5 25, C.E., 20; Mt. Pleasant, 47.05, C.E., 2; New London, 5.85; Troy, 5; Wapello, Jr. C.E., 8; W. Point, 3; Winfield, 6, 468.01

Iowa City.—Bethel, 5, (2.10*): Brooklyn, 14, (5*); Columbus Junction, 20.15, (11*), Jr. C.E., 3, Crawfordsville, 5; Davenport, 1st, 18, C.E., 2, Y.L.B., 35; 2d, 5.92*, Jr. C.E., 5, Y.L.B., 2.50; Iowa City, 28.90, (6.55*), King's Messengers, 15, S.S, 10; Muscatine, 50, (18*); Malcom, 5, (1*); Montezuma, 9.57; Princeton, 20; Sigourney, 1; Tipton, 17.80, Jr. C.E., 11; Scott Ch., 2.87, (3.45*); Washington, 61.10, C.E., 10, S.S., 10; Unity, 5, S.S., 5.25; W. Branch, 25; W. Liberty, 13.94, (13*); Wilton, 6; Red Oak Grove, 7.50, (6.08*), 496.68

Kalamazoo.—Allegan, 50 cts.; Benton Harbor, 3.60, Bd., 56 cts., C.E., 5; Buchanan, 3.50; Burr Oak, 1; Cassopolis, 2.42; Edwardsburg, 7.50; Kalamazoo, 36.60; Niles, 42.33, Pearl Seekers, 5; Paw Paw, 7.50, C.E., 3.50: S.S., 3.50; Plainwell, C.E., 3; Richland, 6.74; Sturgis, 2.50; Three Rivers, 17.80, 152.55

Kearney.—Burr Oak, 2; Kearney, 2.06, C.E., 1.04; Lexington, C.E., 5; Scotia, 2.10; St. Paul, Jr. C.E., 1.63; Shelton, C.E., 5, 18.83

Lake Superior.—Ford River, 5, C.E., 10; Iron Mountain, 3.30*; Ishpeming, 4.90; Manistique, C.E., 21.23, Jr. C.E., 12; Menominee, C.E., 7.50; Negaunee, 6.17, 70.10

Lansing.—Albion, 30; Battle Creek, 25, (17*), C.E., 8; Brooklyn, 8.75, (1*); Concord, 2.68; Dimondale, 3; Eckford, C.E., 6.27; Hastings, 7.50; Homer. 4.09, Happy Bd., 9, Cheerful Workers, 10, C.E., 5; Jackson, 19.64, Bd., 25; Lansing, 66.16, (20.95*), C.E., 6.40, S.S., 4.14, Jr. C.E., 10; Franklin St. Ch., 8, (1*), S.S., 4.13; Jackson, Willing Workers, 3.25, C.E., 25; Marshall, 17.30, S.S., 6.64, Mrs. Haskell's B. Cl., 30.50; Mason, 22.10, Jennie Van Ostrand, S S., 12.15, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Oneida, 3.60, S.S., 2.30; Tekonsha, 2, 430.05

Logansport.—Bourbon, 3*; Concord, 7.75, (2*), Crown Point, 17.90, (11*), Y.L.S., 10; Goodland, 8, (3*); Hammond, 4.98; Kentland, 16.25*, C.E., 6.50; Lake Prairie. 6.68, (5.50*), C.E., 5.69: La Porte. 8.07, (31.25*), C.E., 1.65, Willing Workers, 5; Logansport, 1st, 60, (21.93*), Y.L.S., 20, S.S., 24.82, C. E., 16; Broadway Ch., 30, (10*), C.E., 13; Lucerne, 3, (2.15*); Michigan City, 3.28, (18.09*), C.E., 8; Mishawaka, 23.50; Monon, 8, (2.50*); Monticello, 22.25, (9*), C.E., 4.35; Plymouth, 2.35, (16.50*), C.E., 10; Remington, C.E., 8.50; Rensselaer, 9.15; Rochester, 3.55, (1.75*); South Bend, 21, C.E., 23.25, Dr. and Miss Borton (10*); Union Ch., 38.95; Valparaiso, 18.28, (25*); Anon., (52 cts.*); A Friend, 10, 652.89

Madison.—Baraboo, 25; Cambria, 6; Kilbourn, 16; Madison, Mr. J. W. Decker, 5, Mission League, 25; Portage, 3, C E., 5; Reedsburgh, 6; Rocky Run, 7.78, 98.78

Mankato.—Amboy, 10, Y.L.S., 8; Blue Earth, 9.06, S.S., 6.62; Delhi, (3.40*); Jackson, 10.40, (3.45*), S.S., 10; Kasota, 7; Le Sueur, 20.39, (7*), C.E., 15; Lu Verne, 1.50, (3.75*), Mankato, 47.45; Marshall, 9.57, S.S., 71 cts.; Pilot Grove, 18; Pipestone, 4, Jr. C.E., 1; Redwood Falls, 16; Rushmore, 83 cts.; St. Peter, 31.31; Tracy, 12.55, (1*); Wells, 8; Winnebago, 27.14; Worthington, 25, Busy Bees, 2.06, C.E., 3.26, 323.45

Mattoon.—Grand View, 7; Kansas, C.E., 7; Moweaqua, 4; Palestine, 3; Taylorville, 9.70, (11.70*); Tuscola, 22.61, Pr. off., 31.86, 96.87

Milwaukee.—Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., 22.50; Westm'r Ch., C.E., 5; Bethany Ch., C.E., 17.22. Jr. C.E., 5.26; Racine, 47, (2.55*), S.S., 6.34, Jr. C.E., 5.50; Waukesha, Jr. C.E., 5, 116.32

Minneapolis.—Minneapolis, Andrew Ch., 33.70, (32.14*), S.S., 40.10, Light Bearers, 12, Rope Holders, 10.25; Bethany Ch., S.S., 3; Bethlehem Ch., 16.22, (31.60*), Van Cleve Bd., 3.91; 1st, 73.53; Merry Gleaners, 1.10, Royal Blue Cadets, 1.25; 5th, 11.10; Franklin Av. Ch., 8.78; Highland Pk. Ch., 44.20, (15.33*), King's Messengers, (15*), Jr. C.E., 3, Primary Cl., 4; House of Faith Ch., Jr. C.E., 1; Shiloh Ch., 80 cts., (5*), Caldwell Bd., 16.15; Westm'r Ch., 197.39, Pearl Gatherers, 7, Gleaners, 25; Riverside Chapel, Y.W.S., 29.50, Pbyl. off., (4*); Howard Lake, 4, 650.05

Monroe.—Adrian, 107, S.S., 43; California, 5; Clayton, C. E., 5; Coldwater, 24.22, Y.L.S., 25; Erie, 5.25; Hillsdale, 19.62, C.E., 12.56; Jonesville, 8, C.E., 7.75; Monroe, 18, Y.L.C., 7.12, Quincy, 13, C.E., 5; Raisin, 5, Jr., C.E., 1.50, C.E., 1.75; Reading, 10, (3.15*); Tecumseh, 26, 352.92

Muncie.—Elwood, 5.70; Hartford City, 8.45; Jonesboro, and Gas City, 8: Muncie, 61.48, (10.52*), S.S., 11.78, C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 8; Noblesville, 5, (10*), C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 3; Peru, 97 54, C.E., 5, Gideon's Bd., 2.96, (1*), Tipton, 16; (2.70*), C.E., 5; Wabash, 49.69, C.E., 5, 329.82

Nebraska City.—Alexandria, 7.20*; Beatrice, 2d, 2; Fairbury, 5.74; Hebron, Jr. C.E., 8.50*; Lincoln. 1st, 40.64; 2d, 3, Jr. C.E., 10; Palmyra, 7.34, S.S., 8.95; Seward, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Tecumseh, 5; York, C.E., 7.50, 106.37

New Albany.—Bedford, 13.30, (5*); Charlestown, 11.40, (2*); Corydon, 4.78, (3.25*), Easter Off. Bd., 5.57, (3.55*): Hanover, 38.25, (12.55*), Light Bearers, 4; Jeffersonville, 71.78; Jay, Pleasant Tp. Ch., 2, (1*), Children, 1 25*; Madison, 1st, 12.50, (5.25*), Y.L.B., 37.50*, Girls' Bd., 5, (2.50*); 2d, 15, Y.W.B., 12.50; Mitchell, 7.65; Mt. Vernon, 3.50, (1*); New Albany, 1st, 18.35, (11.25*), Mrs. Wm. S. Culbertson, 250, S.S., 50; 2d, 26.30, (16.75*), S.S., 38.50; 3d, 14.55; New Washington, 2.60, (1*); Orleans, 3.10, (2*); Otisco, 1.10, (50 cts.*); Owen Creek, 9, (5*); Paoli, 3; Salem, 10.70, (5*), C.E., 5; Seymour, 8.30, (2*); Scipio, 4.25, (1*); Sharon Hill, 2 50*; Vernon, 24.68, Anna Fink Bd., 7.77; N. Vernon, 13, (2*); Vevay, 1.25, 822.53

Niobrara.—Emerson, 3; Oakdale, C.E., 6.37; Pender, 5; Ponca, Jr., C.E., 10, 24.37

Omaha.—Columbus, 2; Lyons, 80 cts; Omaha, 2d, 20.80; Castellar St. Ch., 16.27, C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 2.02; Knox Ch., 18.75, Wayside Gleaners, 25, C.E., 12.50, Royal Blue Soc., 5; Lowe Ave. Ch., 16.86, C.E., 5; Westm'r Ch., 50, Golden Rule Bd., 6.81, C.E., 20, Baby Bd., 75 cts., S.S., 15, 227.56

Ottawa.—Aux Sable. 1.78; Mendota, 4.63, C.E., 21.01; Morris, 70; Oswego, 16; Rochelle, 48.93; Sandwich, 18.50; Waltham, 10, 190.85

Pembina.—Arvilla, 23; Bathgate, 10 Drayton, 8, (10*), S.S., 4, Jr. C E., 2; Emerado, 20; Grand Forks, 50; Minto, 10; Pembina, 8.50; Tyner, 25, (5*), 185.50

Peoria.—Edwards Sta., Mrs. Sarah H. O'Conner, 15; Peoria, 1st, C.E., 25, E. R. Edwards Bd., 6.75; Pby'l. off., 6.85*, 53.60

Pueblo.—Alamosa, 7, 42; Colorado Springs, 1st, C.E., 4; Flor-

ence, 2.95; La Junta, 2.50; Pueblo, Fountain Ch., 3.25; Mesa Ch., S.S., 21.87; Westm'r Ch., 92 cts.*; Trinidad, 3.10, 46.01

Red River.—Euclid, Penny a Day Soc., 12; Fisher, 5, 17.00

Rock River.—Albany, 9.75, (1.50*); Aledo, 33; Alexis, 10; Beulah Ch., C.E., 2; Centre Ch., 7.50; Dixon, 18.47, S.S., 7.04; Edgington, 25, Y.P.S., 25; Franklin Grove, 5; Garden Grove, 6.62, C.E., 3; Geneseo, 4.95; Hamlet, 22.30; Milan, 10.43, C.E., 1.35; Millersburg, 3.62; Morrison, 68.65, King's Birdies, 15, Y. L.S., 5.20; Newton, 12.50; Earnest Workers, 3.25, Mission Soldiers, 3.25; Norwood, 8.90; Peniel, 2.80; Princeton, 46.46, C.E., 7; Rock Island, Central Ch., 32, King's Messengers, 10; S. Park, 12*; Broadway Ch., 26.19, Ruth's Bd., 25*, Busy Bees, 5; Sterling, 34.45; Woodhull, 10.05, 524.23

Saginaw.—Alma, 16.71, (24.84*); Bay City, 24.52, Wight Bd., 1.35, Miss Fannie Pratt, 1.47, C.E., 13.15, Jr. C.E., 4, S.S., 22.22; E. Saginaw, Washington Ave. Ch., 2.94, (2.20*), S.S., 1.96, Willing Workers, 1.98; Ithaca, 19.60; Midland, 22.05, (4.90* ; Mt. Pleasant, 4.90; Pinconning, 3.92; W. Saginaw, 1st, 4.20, Golden Rule Bd., 60, C.E., 50, (4.17*), S.S., 50, Intermediate Dep't., 50, Primary Dep't., 2.50; Grace Ch., 9.80; Immanuel Ch., 1.08, (1.42*), S.S., 1.42; W. Bay City, Westm'r Ch., 19.60, (7.13*), 434.03

[The balance of receipts for April will appear in the July number of Woman' Work for Woman.]

Total for month,	$23,614.18
Total receipts since April 20, 1895,	$79,801.08

Mrs. C. B. Farwell, *Treas.*

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the Month Ending April 16, 1896.

Austin.—Austin, 1st, 36.55, Grandma's Busy Bees, 5; San Antonio, Madison Sq., 32.90, S.S., 5, $79.45

Choctaw.—Lehigh, 1.50; South McAlester, 6.55, 8.05

Cimarron.—Ardmore, 12, C.E., 5; El Reno, 10; Purcell, 5, 32.00

Emporia.—Arkansas City, C.E., 8.40, S.S., 15; Burlington, C.E., 1.20; Cottonwood Falls, 16.60; Council Groves, 6.70; C.E., 7.50; El Dorado, 4, C.E., 8; Emporia, 41.95; Howard, 7, Mayfield, 60 cts.; Newton, 17, Jr. C.E., 10; Peabody, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E, 10; Quenemo, 15; Waverly, 13.30, C.E., 9.75; White City, 2; Wichita, 1st, 2.20, Y.W.M.L., 34.73, C.E., 4.50, Intermediate C.E., 1.17, M.B., 12.50; Lincoln St., 1.25, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Oak St., 2; Mrs. W. E. Mack, 50; Mrs. E. Higginson, 25, 332.85

Highland.—Axtell, 6.80, C.E., 1.20; Baileyville, 7.50; Blue Rapids, 3.58; Frankfort, 9.58; Hiawatha, 10.01; Highland, 16.50, S.S., 7.38, Jr. C.E., 4; Holton, 39.43; Horton, 16.09, C.E., 7, Jr. C.E., 1.34; Maryville, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 5; Nortonville, 2, Jr C.E., 1, S S., 2; Palmer, 8.50; Parallel, C.E., 2.14; Vermillion, C.E., 2.25; Washington, 1.70, Bd., 29 cts., 160.29

Kansas City.—Butler, 15.86, Active Workers, 5, C.E., 15; Clinton, 9.25, Dorcas B., 50 cts.; Creighton, O.B.M.S., 11.27; Kansas City, 2d, C.E., 12, S.S., 124.14, Primary S.S., 71; 5th, 2.60, Y.L.M.S., 3.55, C.E., 16.35; Linwood, 3.21, Jr. C. E., 3; Lowry City, 1.75; Osceola, 17.75; Raymore, 4.90, Busy Harvesters, 8.70, C.E., 2.65; Sedalia, Broadway, 50 cts.; Central, 16.50; Warrensburg, 8.25, 353.73

Larned.—Arlington, 8; Dodge City, 2.45; Freeport, 2.50; Hutchinson, 26.73, S.S., 5.70, Pearl Gatherers, 10, C.E., 15; Kingman, 4; Lyons, 8, C.E., 2.50; McPherson, 20.14, C.E., 15; Pratt, 50 cts., C.E., 1, Bd., 75 cts.; Sterling, 10; Pby'l, 1.73, 134.00

Neosho.—Chanute, 8.90, Jr. C.E., 5.23; Carlyle, 12.24; Chetopa, 7.50; Coffeyville, 6.50, Colony, 1.25, Jr. C.E., 1, Bd., 50 cts.; Columbus, 9.13; Garnett, 4.35, C.E., 10; Fort Scott, 15; Humboldt, 12.77; Independence, 21.13, C.E., 12.50; Iola, 9; Lone Elm, 3.50; McCune, 8.22; Monmouth, 1.15; Moran, 2.01, Bd., 1.48, C.E., 1.22; Neosho Falls, 3.33, S.S., 1; Nodesha, Jr., C.E., 5; Osage, Ch., 10.25; Oswego, 22.53, College Bd., 2.26; Osawatomie, 3.35; Ottawa, 21.90, C.E., 14.75, Jr. C.E., 1.50; Parsons, C.E., 8.88, Y.L.S., 13; Pleasanton, 1; Pittsburgh, 5, C.E., 2.40, Jr. C.E., 2.51; Thayer, 1.58; Toronto, 2.25; Yates Center, 5, C.E., 2, Jr. C.E., 50 cts., 284.57

Oklahoma.—Guthrie, 1.38; Oklahoma, 6.65; Stillwater, 1.60, 9.63

Osborne.—Calvert, 1, Fairport, C.E., 5; Hays City, 75 cts.; Hill City, 60 cts., Morton, 1.50; Russell, 4.17; Smith Center, 5; Wakeeney, 2.92, 20.94

Ozark.—Ash Grove, 29.31, S.S., 3; Carthage, 1st, 44.70, Y.L.M.S., 10.73, C.E., 2; Deo Data, 3.65, Alden Circle, 7.70; Westminster, 40.50, Y.L.S., 30; Fairplay, 2; Grace, 2.50; Greenfield, 2.50; Irwin, 5; Joplin, 1st, 32; Monett, 12.75; Mt. Vernon, 11; Mt. Zion, 3; Neosho, 17, C.E., 3, We Show You, 3; Ozark Prairie, 14.73, Golden Threads, 3; Seneca, 3.20, S.S., 62 cts.; Springfield, Calvary, 22.50, Y.L.S., 30.50, C.E., 6.50, Willing Workers, 3.37; 2d, 10, S.S., 2.30, Jr. C.E., 1; Webb City, 12.50, Gems for the Crown, 5; West Plains, 15.43, C.E., 13.63; White Oak, 30, C.E., 7.50, 447.12

Palmyra.—Brookfield, 6.87; Clarence, 1, Bd., 2.12; Edina, 8; Ethel, 2.50; Hannibal, 50; Kirksville, 4, Jr. C.E., 2; Louisiana, 8.94, Jr. C.E., 27 cts.; Laclede, 1; Macon, 26.25, Bd, 7.50; Moberly, 11.33, C.E., 90 cts., Bd., 50 cts.; New Cambria, 5; Rodney, 2; Unionville, 5, 145.18

Platte.—Albany, 1.65; Avalon, 4.65; Breckinridge, 6.65; Cameron, 14; Chillicothe, 9, S.S., 6, C.E., 3; King City, 5.95; Lathrop, 6; Martinville, 5; Maryville, 25.70; New Hampton, 5 New Point, 10; Oregon, 18; Parkville, 24.06, Busy Bees, 1.74, Primary S.S., 7.21; Savannah, 8.41; St. Joseph, Hope, 1.50; Westminster, 5, S.S., 2; Tarkio, 15.75, S.S., 4, Bd., 7.25, C.E., 12.50; Tina, 3.30; Weston, 3.50. 216.82

Santa Fe.—Santa Fe, 18.50

Sequoyah.—Elm Springs, 10; Muscogee, 6; Park Hill, 11.50; Tahlequah, 5; Tulsa, 3.30; Vinita, 5, 40.80

Solomon.—Abilene, 18.95; Belleville, 10, Jr. C.E., 2; Beloit, 12; Cawker City, 5, Jr. C.E., 3; Clyde, 7.30; Delphos, 3.05; Herrington, 8.50; Minneapolis, 10.34 C.E., 9.32, Crystal Drops, 4, S.S., 6; Poheeta, 3; Salina, 31.45; Solomon, 1.75, C.E., 2, Jr. C.E., 2.25; Wilson, 8, 147.91

St. Louis.—Cornwall, 2; De Soto, 5; Ferguson, 8.50; Ironton, 2.50; Kirkwood, Y.L.M.S., 73.50; Poplar Bluff, 12.24; Rock Hill, 9.50; St Charles, Jefferson St., 5.03; Lindenwood, 18.45; St. Louis, Biddle Market, Primary S.S., 1.14; Carondelet, 8.08, W. Workers, 27.20, Y.P.M.B., 15.35, Jr. C.E., 3; Ch. of the Covenant, 5; Cote Brilliant, 2.50, Sunbeam Bd., 2; 1st, 205.50, Miss Ellen McKee, 500, S.S, 50; Forest Park University, 13.12; Glasgow Ave., 55; Lafayette Park, 120.34, Morning S.S., 12.50, Afternoon S.S., 20; Mem'l Tab., Rays of Light, 7; North, 32; 2d, C.E., 25, Intermediate C.E., 5, Boys' League, 25, Wall Builders, 100, S.S., 400; 2d. German, 1; Washington & Compton, 112.50, Circle B., 17.50, Circle D., 20.15; West, 25, King's Children, 16.36; Webster Groves, 97; a friend, 12; a friend, M.L.G., 110; Mrs. McR., 2.50; Mrs. Wm. Burg, 3; Medical Committee, 22.75, 2,211.21

Topeka.—Clay Center, 4; Edgerton, 14; Junction City, 2.50; Kansas City, 1st, 20, C.E., 15; Grandview Park, 14.50, Jr. C. E., 1.21; Western Highlands, 7; Lawrence, 35.30; Manhattan, 5; Mulberry Creek, 5; W. Workers, 6; Oakland, C.E., 1.58; Olathe, 5; Oscaloosa, 5.30; Stanley, 6.25; Topeka, 1st, 49, S.S., 20.51, Y.W.M.S., 20; Westm'r, 11.60, C.E., 15, Gleaners, 50 cts.; Wakarusa, 1.18; Wamego, 14.75; Vinland, 4, 284.18

Trinity.—Dallas, 2d, 12.50; Terrell, 1.25, 13.75

Miscellaneous.—Mrs. C. H. McKee, 5; refunded, 22.63; Armour, C.E., 10; C. H. Miller, 5; Miss Fleming, 2; Miss A. Sisler, 1, 45.63

Total for month,	$4,986.61
Total to date,	$13,254.12

(Miss) Jennie McGintie, *Treas.*,

St. Louis, Mo., April 16, 1896. 4201 A. Page Ave.

Receipts for Foreign Missions of the Woman's North Pacific Board for Quarter Ending March 31, 1896.

Eastern Oregon.—Le Grande, Maud Allen Soc., 6; Union, 14.35, C.E., 5; Pendleton, 85 cts., C.E., 4.25, S.S., 2.31; Wallowa, Mrs. Gaston, 26 cts., $33.02

Portland.—Astoria, C.E., 10; Clatsop, Mrs. Sayre, 1; Oregon City, 1; Portland, 1st, 950.13, S.S., 10.71, Little Lamps, 9.83, Young Ladies, 87.50; Calvary, 62.45, C.E., 66.10, King's Circle, 9; 4th, 20.50, C.E, 22, Jr. C.E., 90 cts.; Forbes Ch., 5.93, C.E., 5; Mt. Tabor, S.S., 10.50, C.E., 1.35; St. John's, 75 cts.; Westm'r, 3.71, 1,278.36

Southern Oregon.—Ashland, 5; Medford, 8, 13 00

Willamette.—Albany, 17, S.S., 8, C.E., 9; Brownsville, 2.67; Corvalles, 13.08; Dallas, 1.50; Eugene, 12.84, S.S., 40 cts., C.E., 6; Florence, 5; Gervais, C.E., 1.30; Independence, 10, S. S., 1; Lebanon, 7.14, C.E., 2.50; Mehama, C.E., 2.50, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Salem, 34.83, Bd., 5, Jr. C.E., 2; Woodburn, 3.15; Whiteson, 1, 146.41

Olympia.—Centralia, 4.55; Kelso, C.E., 5; Ridgefield, C.E., 3.21; Stella, 1.50; Tacoma, 1st, 85.08; Calvary Ch., 4.15, Immanuel, 11.15; Sprague Mem'l, 2.70; Westm'r, 3.50; Vancouver, C.E., 1, 121.90

Puget Sound.—Auburn, 1.50; Aberdeen, S.S., 2; Ellensburg, 10; Fairhaven, 3.50, Young Ladies, 3.40; Kent, 4.70; North Yakima, Allen Bd., 5.50; New Whatcom, C.E., 1.50; Sumner, C.E., 10.90; Seattle, 1st, 23, 66.00

Walla Walla.—Moscow, 6, S.S., 12.56, 18 56

Miscellaneous.—Chinese Home, Com., 71.10; a Chinaman, 10, 81.10

Total,	$1,758.35
Total since April 1, 1895,	$3,676.29

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